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## HRM fire ban lifted

**SAFETY** A burning ban on open air fires has been lifted in HRM.

The ban from Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency service was placed last week due to drier-than-normal temperatures that caused 67 brush and grass fires from March 1 to late last week.

The fire and emergency services are reminding residents that future burning bans can occur at a moment's notice.

Officials are also encouraging residents to continue using caution when having fires in and around woodlands and to make sure you can control the fire, otherwise extinguish it.

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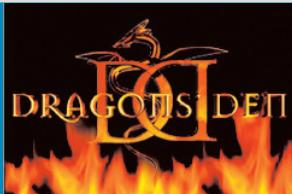
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## Entrepreneurs welcome to audition

If you think you have creative ideas and money-making savvy to make the case for cash, you'll want to be at the Cambridge Suites on Brunswick Street on Sunday. Auditions for the fifth season of the CBC hit reality series *Dragons' Den* are taking place in Halifax from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Halifax is one of 40 stops across Canada where auditions are being held.

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Debate sought on loss of ferry

**YARMOUTH** The Conservative party wants the Nova Scotia legislature to hold an emergency debate on the loss of Yarmouth's ferry service to Maine.

Interim party leader Karen Casey says she formally requested the debate to deal with the economic impact the loss of the ferry will have on communities in the province.

In her letter to the Speaker, Casey accuses the government of failing to honour the subsidy agreement with Bay Ferries Ltd. without fully understanding the economic impact and consequences of the decision.

Bay Ferries announced in December that it was going to end the service because the province was no longer willing to provide subsidies.

Local officials estimate the loss of the ferry will cost at least 500 tourism-related jobs.

The Liberals are asking for an emergency debate on this topic as well.

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## 'Tough decisions must be made'

Legislature resumes with throne speech short on specifics of NDP plans

**Amid a public outcry over inappropriate expense spending by legislative members, Nova Scotia's NDP government signalled it's ready to move ahead with its agenda during the spring session of the legislature that opened Thursday with a throne speech.**

Read by Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis, the throne speech hinted at fiscal pain to come but outlined few specifics about any pending cuts to programs or services as the province grapples with a \$13-billion debt and \$525-million deficit.

"The heavier our financial burden grows, the more it threatens government's ability to deliver vital public services like health care and education," said Francis.

"The challenge is undeniable: Tough decisions must be made today if Nova Scotia is to seize the moment and reshape its future."

Premier Darrell Dexter's political blueprint said a key priority will be health care, which takes up an estimated 48 per cent of the province's overall budget.

Although no details were released, the government



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Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis delivers the throne speech at Province House on Thursday during the opening of the legislature's spring session.

also said it will not balance the books this year, and will outline a multi-year fiscal strategy to help get its finances back in shape when it tables the budget on April 6.

Last fall, an economic panel recommended hik-

ing the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax by two per cent, but the speech did not make any mention of tax increases.

Finance Minister Graham Steele said the ambiguity was intentional.

"Tax measures are never revealed in advance for good reason. Obviously people are interested in the government's direction, but for that they'll have to wait for budget day to get the details," Steele said.

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**Video** A military official says he has no empathy for alleged murderer Col. Russell Williams, a man he once called a friend, at metronews.ca/canada

**Video** Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's 'upset' child-killer Clifford Olson is receiving an old-age pension in prison, at metronews.ca/canada

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## Tax increases should be 'last resort': Chamber of Commerce

**PHILIP CROUCHER** philip.croucher@metronews.ca

**FINANCES** The Halifax Chamber of Commerce issued a release Thursday saying the province should be looking at spending cuts first and see tax increases as "a last resort" to

eliminate the deficit.

A two per cent increase to the HST is one option the NDP is exploring to help bring down the \$525-million deficit when it releases its spring budget on April 6.

But chamber president Valerie Payn said in the release any tax increase is

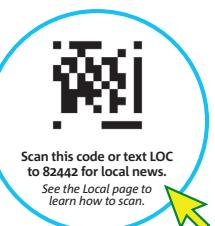
just a "fast fix" and would hurt the province's competitiveness.

She also called a tax increase "a difficult pill to swallow" with the recent MLA expense scandal.

"A tax increase that is not mirrored by our competitors could have an effect on our province's com-

petitiveness regionally, nationally and internationally," she said.

"Spending cuts and tight management control should not be looked at as a penalty for perceived wrongdoing, but the right thing to do to position this province in the best competitive position possible."



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**What's your number?**



About 150 people concerned with recent and pending job losses at several Cape Breton employers spent the noon hour Thursday marching through downtown Sydney. It began from the federal building on Dorchester Street, where close to 150 contract and term employees of Citizenship and Immigration Canada are facing layoffs. CAPE BRETON POST

# Shakespeare, Dorothy, and Homer Simpson?

Neptune Theatre's latest season a mixed bag of contemporary and classic works

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax



**William Shakespeare is returning to Neptune Theatre after a decade-long absence, while Homer Simpson will make his Halifax debut.**

Artistic director George Pothitos unveiled Neptune's 2010-11 season at Fountain Hall Thursday, calling it a "bold and passionate" mix of classics and contemporary theatre.

The season will feature a Shakespearian hat trick, with Romeo and Juliet starting the season and its

modern offspring West Side Story closing the year.

In between is the Studio Theatre's MacHomer, a one-man show from Rick Miller which interprets the George Scottish Pothitos play in more than 50 voices from The Simpsons.

"I think theatre is bold. This is what theatre can be," Pothitos said after the launch. "It's ambitious and it's also hard work — and

expensive."

The Wizard of Oz will be the holiday play and the Studio series will feature Canadian playwright Don Hannah's Maritime piece, Fathers and Sons.

It's Pothitos's second season as artistic director and he said he's learned about Halifax audiences.

"They love variety," he said.

The season will cater to that, starting 2011 with Noel Coward's Blythe Spirit followed by Martin McDonagh's Dark The Beauty Queen of Leenane.

Pothitos compared the new season to rediscover-



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## Neptune Theatre's 2010-11 season

### Fountain Hall

- Romeo & Juliet (Sept. 14 to Oct. 17)
- 7 Stories (Oct. 26 to Nov. 14)
- Blythe Spirit (Jan. 18 to Feb. 13)
- The Beauty Queen of Leenane (Feb. 22 to March 20)
- West Side Story (April 5 to

### May 29)

- The Wizard of Oz (Nov. 27 to Jan 9)
- Fathers and Sons (Oct. 12 to Oct. 24)
- MacHomer (Feb. 1 to Feb. 13)
- The Fly Fisher's Companion (May 3 to May 15)

ing a long-term mate.

"You're with somebody and then all of a sudden you realize how amazing they always were," he said.

Two of Neptune's most faithful partners were in their usual second-row or-

chestra seats. Gerald and Ethel Nelson have seen

every Neptune play for the last 46 years. The theatre is approaching its 48th birthday.

"The first year, we missed a couple of the

plays. We said, 'This isn't sensible,'" explained Ethel Nelson. "Then we subscribed."

The Dartmouth couple was excited about the series, though they noted Blythe Spirit and West Side Story were Neptune repeats for them.

"It's a very good line up," she said. The elderly couple was especially eager to see Romeo and Juliet.

MacHomer, they were less certain about. "We don't watch The Simpsons," she said.

Season tickets are on sale now via [Neptunetheatre.com](http://Neptunetheatre.com) or 429-7070.



The Halifax skyline is seen in this file photo taken during last year's Earth Hour. Many Nova Scotians will turn off their lights again for this year's Earth Hour, which takes place Saturday night.

## Party in the dark at Earth Hour Unplugged

SHELBY MCDONALD  
for Metro Halifax



**GREEN** The lights will go out on HRM this weekend.

Earth Hour Unplugged at Grand Parade in Halifax is taking place on Saturday night between 7:30 and 10 p.m.

The event is HRM's way to celebrate Earth Hour — a global initiative that will see people from around

the world turn out their lights for one hour starting at 8:30 p.m. local time to show support for action on climate change.

According to local organizers, Earth Hour Unplugged has one main goal — to educate and bring together Atlantic Canadians to make every hour Earth hour.

Singer-songwriters Dave Gunning and the Sons of Maxwell will be featured at

the event. Astronomy Nova Scotia and Conserve Nova Scotia are among several groups that will have on-site demonstrations.

City hall and other HRM buildings won't be the only ones turning off their lights for Earth Hour.

Other businesses will too, and both the MacDonald and MacKay bridges will participate by shutting off their high-lighting lights.

## No tax hikes in Charlottetown's balanced budget

**FUNDING** While HRM is mulling over a \$30.4 million budget shortfall, Charlottetown city council passed a balanced budget Thursday for the fourth year in a row that will not see any tax increases.

Finance chair Cecil Villard announced the city ended 2009 with a \$1.3-million surplus.

The Water and Sewer Utility ended the year

**\$1.3M**

Charlottetown ended 2009 with a \$1.3 million surplus, the city's finance chair announced.

\$350,000 in the black.

The city will spend \$5 million in federal Gas Tax Fund (\$2 million of that figure wasn't spent in the

past fiscal year) on capital projects.

To help deal with its deficit, Halifax regional council directed staff to balance the budget through a \$6 million general tax increase, \$14 million in departmental budget cut and transit rate hike accounting for \$10 million.

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## Geese return to Dartmouth

The geese at Dartmouth's Sullivan's Pond are returning from their winter vacation Friday. Volunteers removed the Emnen geese in mid-December. METRO HALIFAX

# Judge denies bail for accused in murder trial

ALEX BOUTILIER  
for Metro Halifax



**Bail has been denied for the woman accused of first-degree murder in the killing of Jennifer Horne.**

Ashley Haley, 22, requested to be released from custody and placed under the province's adult bail supervision program, pending her trial in June. At Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax Thursday, Justice Arthur Leblanc denied that request.

No details of Leblanc's decision or the case against Haley can be released pending a publication ban. Steve Andrews, Horne's

Family and step-uncle friends of Horne erupted into spontaneous applause when Leblanc issued his decision. Outside the courtroom, Horne's step-uncle and family spokesman Steve Andrews said the family was pleased by the decision.

"We feel like we've

made a big step in this long journey ... towards realizing justice for Jennifer," he said to reporters. "We're maintaining our faith in the system ... justice will be served one day."

Andrews said it was difficult at times for the family to sit in court as Leblanc recounted details from the case for approximately an hour.

"I don't know that any of us were prepared for that the judge's decision would take almost an hour to read," he said. "It was very upsetting ... I'm sure when you saw people coming out of here, you wouldn't know that bail had been denied, maybe ... it was not easy to listen to everything the judge had to say in there."

Haley and her common-law partner Desmond Maguire, 39, are each charged with one count of first-degree murder in the death of Horne, a 20-year-old Cole Harbour woman.



Jennifer Horne

On Dec. 31, 2007, Horne's body was found in the couple's Lawrence Street apartment rolled up in a piece of carpet and stuffed in a closet.

Haley and Maguire have been in jail since their arrest on Jan. 1, 2008. Their trial is scheduled to begin on June 7.

The Crown was opposed to Haley's release. Haley is being remanded at the Burnside jail as she awaits trial.

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## Two traffic stops, three people charged with drug trafficking

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**CRIME** Two unrelated routine traffic stops Wednesday night resulted in three people charged with drug trafficking.

Halifax Regional Police performed the first stop in the 3500 block of Joseph Howe Drive at about 8 p.m. Police say a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed an undisclosed quantity of marijuana and

drug paraphernalia, which officers seized.

A 25-year-old East Preston resident was charged with one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking and will appear in court on a later date.

The second stop was on Montebello Hill Drive in Dartmouth just before midnight. Police say officers witnessed a vehicle travelling at high speeds and ignoring stop signs along Caledonia Road.

As the vehicle was trav-

elling down Montebello Hill, officers saw the passenger throw a white plastic bag out the window. According to police, the bag contained marijuana. A subsequent search of the vehicle also netted drug paraphernalia.

A 26-year-old Halifax man and a 24-year-old North Preston man are each charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. They will appear in Dartmouth Provincial Court on May 5.

## Pizza, cash stolen as delivery driver mugged

**ROBBERY** Muggers with the munchies held up a pizza delivery driver in Dartmouth Wednesday night.

Police say the suspects held the victim at knife-point before making off with his food and an undis-

closed amount of money just after 11 p.m. at 124 Pinecrest Dr.

The victim wasn't injured and police say the suspects were last seen running down the street.

The first suspect is de-

scribed as an 18-year-old male, approximately five-foot-nine and 140 pounds with a thin build. The second suspect is also described as an 18-year-old male, about six feet tall with a slight build. METRO HALIFAX

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**Man in 46-hour kidnap called a sexual sadist**

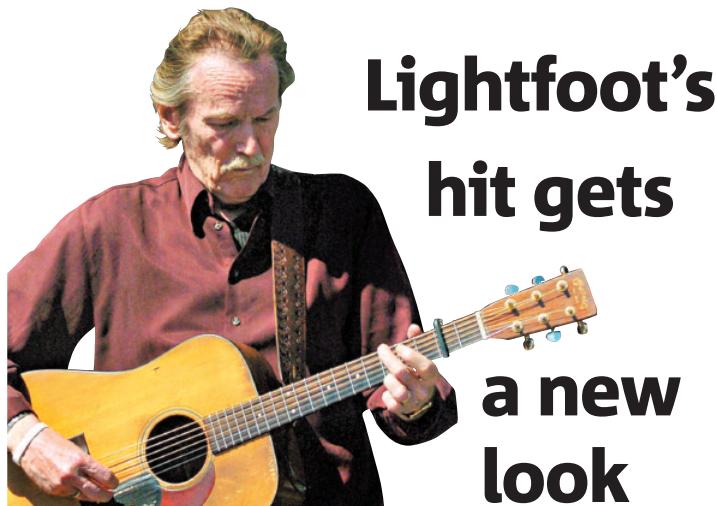
A psychiatrist testified Thursday that Gerard Baumgarte, who dressed up as a police officer before kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl over 46 hours, is a sexual sadist. Baumgarte, 57, was to be sentenced in Red Deer, Alta., on Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Tweet! It's Earth Hour

Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. What will you be doing? This week, we're sharing some tweets from Metro readers. **@victorias\_view:** "Rocking out on my acoustic and drinking lots of wine! That's my story and I'm sticking to it!" **@kielyka24:** "I plan to be rolling down a green, grassy hill and hug a beehive."



### Singer changes lyrics of Edmund Fitzgerald

**Gordon Lightfoot has changed the lyrics of his 1976 hit The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald.**

The singer was impressed by evidence presented in an episode of the new Canadian made-for-TV documentary series *Dive Detectives*.

So he has removed from the song the implication that human error played a part in the 1975 Lake Superior shipping tragedy in which 29 lives were lost.

"He's not re-recording the song, but he has already changed a line for live performances," a spokesperson for Lightfoot said Thursday.

"He was pretty im-

**"He has already changed a line for live performances."**

Lightfoot aide

pressed by what he saw in the film, new evidence that unsecured hatch covers didn't cause the ship to sink."

The traditional verse goes: "When supper time came the old cook came on deck/Saying 'Fellows it's too rough to feed ya' At 7 p.m. a main hatchway caved in/He said, 'Fellas it's been good to know ya."

Lightfoot's lyrics have now been changed to: "When supper time came

the old cook came on deck/Saying 'Fellows it's too rough to feed ya' At 7 p.m. it grew dark, it was then/He said, 'Fellas it's been good to know ya,'

Lightfoot's spokesperson said.

"He may change it again, but this is the version that he's doing in his concerts right now," the spokesperson said.

Lightfoot was not available for comment.

In *Dive Detectives*, airing on History Television March 31, a father-and-son diving team present evidence that a 15-metre rogue wave was the real cause of the wreck.

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### News in brief

**CRIME** Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he shares concerns that child-killer Clifford Olson is receiving a Canadian pension, and that Canadians have good reason to be upset. Harper says he has asked his finance minister to look at ways to change the system. Olson killed at least 11 children before he was jailed for life in 1982. He's eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Old Age Security pension.

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## Top court studies Pickton bid for trial

**CRIME** The Supreme Court has reserved judgment on whether serial killer Robert Pickton should get a new trial.

Pickton's lawyers argued Thursday that his right to a fair trial was compromised by faulty instructions from the trial judge.

But the prosecution said

no errors were made.

Pickton was convicted in 2007 on six second-degree murder charges in the deaths of Vancouver prostitutes. He is serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

A ruling is expected in the coming months.

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# Alleged kidnapper in court

Woman was captive for a month: Police

**A 62-year-old man facing charges in the month-long disappearance of a woman made a brief appearance in a New Brunswick court room on Thursday.**

Romeo Jacques Cormier was arrested just hours after the woman was discovered Wednesday, not far from where she was last seen leaving her job at a Moncton mall.

He has been charged with kidnapping, unlawful confinement, assault with a weapon, sexual assault, uttering death threats and theft.

A judge has placed a publication ban on anything that would identify the alleged victim.

Cormier sat quietly as the charges were read, but nodded to the family of the woman as he was led from court.

His case was adjourned until April 12.

Police have said the 54-year-old woman was held in the basement apartment of a duplex before somehow getting out and flagging down a passing driver.

She was reunited with family Wednesday night.

At a news conference, two of the woman's daughters thanked the police and community for their help during the search.



An RCMP officer escorts 62-year-old Romeo Jacques Cormier from court in Moncton, N.B. on Thursday.

They thanked the media, saying their mother was able to see news reports about her disappearance on television.

"Your dedication to the coverage of this story kept the family focused and motivated," a daughter said.

"In addition, Mom was able to watch some of the coverage and drew great strength from our words from day to day."

One daughter said they

**"We got our mother back, but we got our father back, too."**  
Joyful daughter

learned a lot about the strength of their mother.

"We had absolutely no idea how strong until we sat with her all last night and heard her stories, and

it's incredible, incredible." They said their father is overjoyed.

"I wish you could see his smile," one daughter said.

"We got our mother back, but we got our father back, too. He's got his life back. He's so happy."

Another daughter read a statement from their mother:

"I would like you to know that I am so happy to have this horrible experi-

ence come to an end.

"Being home with family is the mental image that kept me focused each day and now it is reality again."

"I would like to send a special thanks to my guardian angel, the driver who picked me up moments after my escape."

"Although my recovery will take time, I know that the strength of my family will help me through."

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**Feds firm on Afghan pullout: It's 2011**

**WAR** The federal government says it hasn't received a request from the U.S. to extend Canada's military mission in Afghanistan, and the deployment will end next year as planned.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon had a clear message for the House of Commons on Thursday: "As of 2011, we're out."

He was responding to opposition questions about a report that Washington will ask Ottawa to keep up to 600 troops in Afghanistan to train the Afghan army.

A Globe and Mail article said American officials have advised their Canadian counterparts that an "ask" is coming.

Cannon said he not received "a request of this nature."

He said Canada's military mission "will end in 2011 as set out in the throne speech and as repeated on many occasions."

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## Coulter to file rights complaint

**FREE SPEECH** Conservative firebrand Ann Coulter says she is going to file a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, arguing her treatment at the hands of the University of Ottawa provoked hatred against her.

Before a speech Coulter was to have delivered at the school on Tuesday, provost Francois Houle sent her a note urging her to educate herself about Canada's hate laws, saying that promoting hatred against an identifiable group could lead to criminal charges.

Coulter pulled out of that appearance after 1,500 people tried to get into the venue that was already filled to capacity.

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## News in brief

**POLYGAMY** Winston Blackmore, who police believe has 19 wives, was to ask a judge Friday for government funding and special status in a case that will test Canada's polygamy laws. A judge tossed out charges against Blackmore and another leader in Bountiful, B.C., last year.

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**Tory denies knowledge of grant**

A Tory MP who's chairman of a Calgary firm says he had no idea the company received a \$185,000 grant from his government last year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Desmarais eyes Indian market

**Reclusive and powerful Quebec billionaire Paul Desmarais made a fortune investing in China early and wisely, plowing investments into the country long before it boasted the world's fastest-growing economy.**

Now, Desmarais has his sights set on India, another burgeoning market.

Desmarais, who controls Power Corporation of Canada, a holding company with a vast web of assets around the globe, is dispatching Power Corp. vice chairman Henri-Paul Rousseau to New Delhi and Mumbai in early April, said several sources familiar with the matter.

Diplomats at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi have been asked to set up meetings for Rousseau with politicians and influential business leaders. Later this year, Andre Desmarais, Paul Desmarais' son, is expected to follow up on Rousseau's visit.

"They may not be the first to India, but that doesn't matter," said a source familiar with Desmarais' plans. "Saying you have to



Power Financial Corporation Board of Director members Paul Desmarais, left, and his son Andre Desmarais.

be the first is like saying you were too late if you weren't already in America in 1812."

Desmarais' interest in India comes as the country plans an aggressive spending spree that should see billions spent to improve roads, railways, airports, power-supply plants and other infrastructure projects.

The Indian government has signalled plans to build or upgrade 47,000 kilometres of highways by 2015, an expansion which will

cost an estimated \$50 billion US a year.

Then there are India's bursting cities — 40 of them boast a population of more than one million. In Mumbai, India's commercial capital, half the population lives in slums. Running water is available for two to six hours a day. Some 35 per cent of homes lack basic sanitation.

"There is so much room for investment it boggles the mind," said a Western diplomat based in New Delhi. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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**NATO not admitting Georgia soon: Official**

NATO's chief says there are no plans to admit Georgia into the 28-member alliance in the near future. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Racist emails probed

Australian cops investigated for offensive content

**About 100 Australian police are being investigated for circulating racist and pornographic emails via the internal police email system, and one officer involved in the scandal has committed suicide, a top official said Thursday.**

The investigation in Victoria state follows an independent citizens group report last week that police in the state capital Melbourne have targeted, taunted and beaten African teens, accusing the department of having a "culture of racism."

Police Chief Simon Overland acknowledged at the time that some officers were racist but said they were a small minority, and in announcing the email probe Thursday he noted that the material involved a variety of offensive themes, including pornographic and sexist material. The officer who committed suicide was not responsible for racist material, Overland said.

Overland refused to elaborate on the content of the emails, saying none of it

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Victoria State Police Chief Simon Overland

was illegal but that all of it was offensive and in breach of department policy.

"It's a mix of racist and pornographic and otherwise offensive material," he told reporters. "There are varying degrees of involvement and varying degrees of seriousness."

He would not confirm whether any of the racist material referred to Africans or Indians. Both groups have been the target of violence in Victoria state and have criticized police conduct in recent months.

The Age newspaper reported that the investigation centred on a graphic image of a non-Caucasian man being tortured. There were no other details on the image.

The months-long investigation led to two officers receiving what is called a Sec-

tion 68 — notice that the commissioner has lost confidence in the officers and giving them a chance to explain why they should not be dismissed — for introducing the material into the police system.

Overland confirmed that a police officer who committed suicide earlier this week was one of two given the Section 68.

Overland said his goal in disciplining the officers was to uphold the department's values and keep the confidence of the community.

"How can a community have confidence in this organization if we allow racist, sexist, pornographic, inappropriate material to circulate freely around the organization?" Overland asked. "We can't do it."

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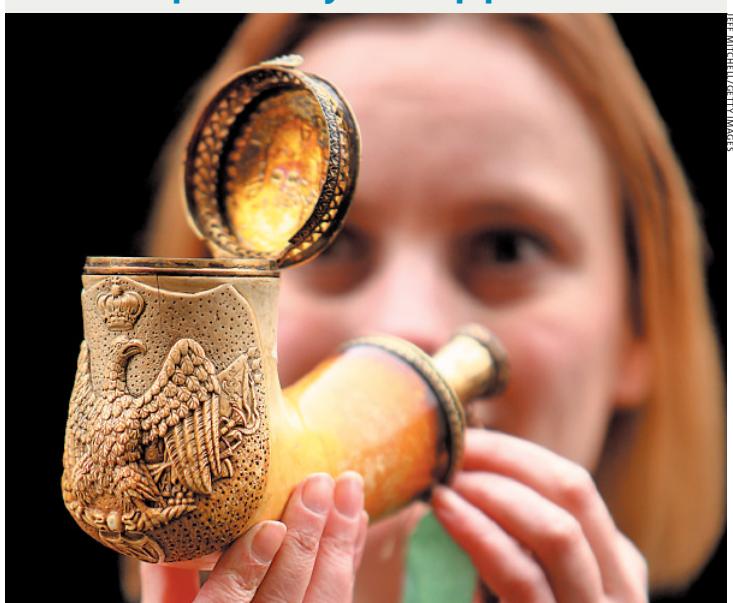
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## Scotland Napoleon's dynamite pipe



Victoria Crake holds a pipe carved with Napoleon Bonaparte's double eagle crest Thursday in Edinburgh. The silver mounted pipe valued at about \$1,200 will be auctioned off next week.

### News in brief

**SPAIN** Up to a third of breast cancer cases in Western countries could be avoided if women ate less and exercised

more, researchers at a conference said Thursday. Treatments, early diagnosis and screenings have dramati-

cally slowed breast cancer, but experts said the focus should now shift to changing behaviours.

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Officials at a Vermont nuclear power plant say they've stopped a leak of a radioactive substance and are starting to clean up the groundwater. Officials say the cleanup will begin Thursday and that no detectable tritium levels have been found in nearby drinking water samples. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Designer Echo Morgan arranges her "dress of the world" at Kensington Palace in London on Thursday. Kensington Palace will become the "Enchanted Palace" in a new multi-sensory exhibition combining fashion, performance and spectacle, opening to the public on Friday.

## Teenage refugee won't face adult charges in gang-rape case

**ARIZONA** A teenage Liberian refugee charged in the gang-rape of an eight-year-old girl will be sent to the juvenile system for therapy and released in less than three years, rather than face more than 25 years in prison if convicted as an adult, a Phoenix judge ruled Thursday.

The teen, whom The As-

sociated Press is not naming because of his age, had been the only one of four boys charged as an adult in the July attack. The teen, now 15, was 14 at the time.

All the children involved are refugees from the war-torn West African nation of Liberia.

Maricopa County Superi-

or Court Judge Michael Kemp decided to send the teen's case to juvenile court Thursday, meaning he will undergo treatment and be released when he turns 18, possibly sooner.

"I thank God," said the teen's mother after falling to the floor in relief. "God did a great work for me. I'm almost in heaven."

**Princess Diana's former home, Kensington Palace, will be rebranded "The Enchanted Palace" Friday to lure tourists from other popular London sights, like Madame Tussauds waxworks and the Tower of London.**

In this interactive age, it's not enough for a stately palace to offer royal art, staid banquet rooms, and roped-off thrones, so curators have opted for fashion, performance art, and a bit of Alice in Wonderland fantasy.

The exhibit, meant to draw viewers into the lives of past palace residents, uses intense lighting, actors and musicians to set

The teen had pleaded not guilty in adult court to one count each of kidnapping, sexual assault and attempted sexual conduct with a minor, and five counts of sexual conduct with a minor. He would have faced at least 26 years in prison if convicted of every count as an adult.

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the mood.

One man even coaxes sound from a saw with a violin bow.

The tone is set by the Room of Royal Sorrows. No, it's not about Diana and her marriage to Prince Charles; it's a dramatization of the emotional torment of Queen Mary II as she tried in vain to produce an heir. It is set in her bedchamber, giving the display an unsettling authenticity.

"The first time you walk into the room, it has an aura of sadness, but also incredible beauty," said designer Marcus Wilmont, part of the team that decorated the room.

Not every display is laced with tragedy.

One of Diana's elegant ball gowns is on display, and Vivienne Westwood, one of Britain's most revered designers, came up with a fanciful — and fantastic — dress designed to be worn by a rebellious princess.

"We really wanted to try something completely different that gave us a way to take a fresh look at the palace's history and the lives of the people who lived here," said Alexandra Kim, one of the curators of the two-year show.

"We want people to connect with the emotions."

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## Mexican drug gangs getting stronger

**STUDY** Mexican criminal organizations have more than doubled heroin production in a year and have cemented their grip as the predominant wholesale suppliers of illicit drugs in the United States, a government report concluded Thursday.

The National Drug Threat Assessment found that Mexican groups were

the only drug trafficking enterprises operating in every region of the United States.

The study by the Justice Department says Mexican traffickers increased the flow of heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana into the United States, while they increased production of those drugs in Mexico. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

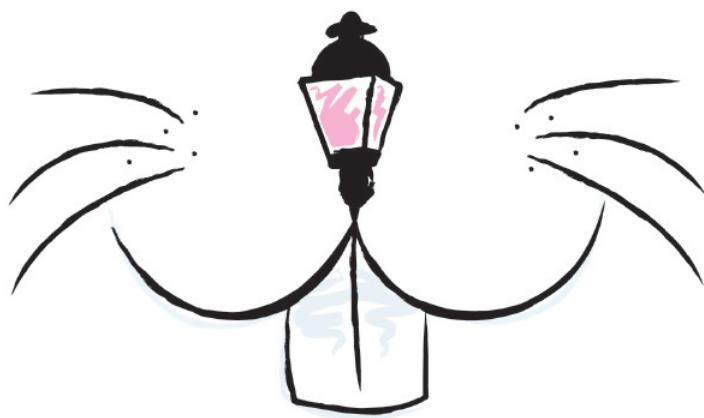
## News in brief

**HIPPO** Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo has euthanized its oldest animal — a 47-year-old hippo named Gertie — because of normal, age-related physical decline. The 2,268-kilogram

hippo has lived at the zoo since 1966. Zoo officials say hippos can live up to 49 years in zoos. Their life expectancy is 45 years in the wild.

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## Comment

## Not a defining moment in sight

## UrbanCompass

Stephen Kimber



Undisputed are calling passage of Barack Obama's health-care legislation historic, and a defining moment for his presidency.

The legislation is far from perfect, of course, the not unexpected result of all the

far too many messy compromises needed to cajole and barter the 216 votes required to pass it. And the resulting outcry over what the bill actually accomplishes — or not — may cost Obama the chance to push other items on his reform agenda and, worse, endanger not only the Democrats' hold on Congress, but also his own hopes for a second term as president.

Despite all of that, Robert Gibbs, the president's press secretary, told reporters this week that passing the health-care legislation "meant more to (Obama)

than any election night could have because he understands just what it will mean."

He had a vision, in other words, and he was prepared to risk his electoral future to make that vision reality.

Can the same be said of our new New Democratic Party government?

While one can't begin to compare the globally game-changing election of America's first black president with the mere electoral victory of Nova Scotia's first ever social democratic government, there is no question the NDP's win last June

(just six months after Obama's) raised expectations — and hopes — here, too.

Could Darrell Dexter's NDP really do politics differently, or would it offer more of the same-old, same-old under a different brand? Did it have a vision of a better tomorrow, or would it become another government with no higher calling than its own re-election?

The first six months have not been encouraging. Thanks to the MLA expenses scandal, the NDP has lost control of the governing differently agenda. Whatever it does now will be seen as

playing catch-up to public opinion. And it has allowed whatever higher-calling agenda it may have had to devolve into a dreary debate over raising taxes versus cutting spending.

The New Democrats are right that we must first — finally — get our financial house in order. But if that is all they accomplish, they will end up like the Chrétien-Martin Liberals who slayed the deficit dragon. But then? Good, but not game changing.

Thursday's throne speech was the government's opportunity to "recalibrate,"

to set out its own ambitious "more-than-any-election-night" agenda. Despite occasional rhetorical nods to tomorrow — "difficult choices now to ensure a better future later" — the speech itself was mostly a laundry list of small accomplishments and modest expectations that could have been authored by a Liberal or Conservative government.

And not a defining moment in sight. Opportunity lost.

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## Views

## Back treatment ads may twist the truth

## Marketplace

Erica Johnson



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These days, it's hard to miss the ads promising relief for back pain. They're marketing something called "non-surgical decompression therapy," with headlines that claim the treatment comes "with a guaranteed success rate between 80 and 90 per cent!"

This back-pain treatment

is a high-tech form of traction. Patients get strapped onto a table that pulls apart the vertebrae, supposedly allowing damaged discs to be rehydrated, and move back into position. The treatment is not cheap — up to \$5,000 for 20 sessions.

In Oregon, the attorney general's office looked at the science behind the claims and cracked down on the manufacturer of one of the more popular decompression tables, the DRX-9000.

So, what can you believe when it comes to healing back pain? We spoke to a dozen experts — from chi-

iropractors to spinal surgeons — and they all suggested exploring cheaper alternatives like massage, chiropractic, physiotherapy and Pilates.

We also talked to one of Canada's best-known back doctors, spinal surgeon Hamilton Hall, and he's got some tips if you're suffering from back pain.

No. 1? Stay out of bed. Inactivity only makes things worse. Hall suggests you try moving or stretching in directions that reduce the pain. Surprisingly, in most cases, the more you move, the less it hurts.

Good posture helps a lot.

Keep the natural curve in your low back when you sit; use a lumbar roll.

Always remember that the spine is very strong and very well protected. If it hurts, don't panic.

And the best news of all, 80 per cent of all back injuries heal themselves, within a few months.

Watch Friday night at 8:30 when Marketplace goes undercover to visit a back clinic selling decompression therapy on CBC Television.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.

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**Subway restaurants to serve breakfast in U.S.**

U.S. Subways are joining the breakfast scramble and will begin selling the popular and profitable meal early next month. The new menu is already being served in some cities but will be available at almost all of the sandwich chain's 23,000 U.S. restaurants April 5. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Business

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## TV broadcasters must get creative: Analysts

**Canadian television is in a state of flux as viewers continue to migrate to the Internet for programming and weak advertising sales eat into the bottom line, but new rules by the national regulator intended to help broadcasters might not be enough to slow the decline of traditional TV, some analysts say.**

Broadcasters will need to

get creative when it comes to content if they want to keep eyeballs glued to the TV screens, and that could mean crime dramas and situation comedies take a backseat to more live programming like sports and politics.

In the future, television viewers will likely choose to gather around the TV less for traditional programs and more for "something

### The new boob tube

• Canadians are now spending more time each week on the Internet than they are watching TV, according to an Ipsos Reid poll. Overall, Canadians are now spending more

than 18 hours a week online which also includes TV watching, says a poll released earlier this week. That compared with 16.9 hours watching television, the poll said.

that captures the hearts and minds of everyone" such as sports and news events, said Iain Grant of

the SeaBoard Group. "For everything else, we'll suck it through the Internet," Grant said.

Earlier this week, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ruled in favour of broadcasters in their dispute in the so-called fee-for-carriage, or as it's now coined the "value for signal" issue.

However, the CRTC first wants the Federal Court of Appeal to rule on the issue, which the satellite and cable companies insist will

end with consumers footing the bill.

Meanwhile, Grant said the business model of using advertising to pay for television programs is broken.

"I don't think you fix the business model," said Grant, who follows Canada's media and technology marketplace. "You change the company to go where the dollars are."

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## China's 'Great Firewall' in effect

**INTERNET** Type "Falun Gong" in Chinese into Google's search engine from Beijing, and the web browser suddenly becomes unresponsive for about a minute. Make the same search from Hong Kong, and you'll get plenty of links to the spiritual movement banned by the Chinese government.

Internet users in mainland China and Hong Kong now share the same Google search site, but their experiences continue to widely differ, particularly on topics deemed sensitive by China's Communist leaders. The difference is that the government, rather than Google Inc., is

now doing the censoring. The findings in a recent Associated Press test offer insights into the sophistication with which China uses its complex "Great Firewall" to filter its citizens' online view of the world.

Recent searches for taboo topics from Beijing generally produced "page cannot be displayed" errors. The user's browser stops working for about a minute, longer if one tries to access forbidden sites in quick succession. In other words, it's not just the links to those sites that don't work; the results don't come back at all.

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Lululemon saw a boost in branding from the Olympics based in its home city, where it had two stores placed in high traffic areas.

## Lululemon adding stores

**ATHLETIC WEAR** Clothing retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. plans to open 25 new stores by June, with key locations in Florida, California and Texas, in a move it hopes will help reach its goal of 25 per cent earnings growth this year.

It's all part of what the Vancouver-based chain says is an aggressive strategy in 2010 and beyond as it seeks to extend that growth target to future years as well.

The maker of trendy activewear saw profits more than double in the fourth quarter of last year due to higher-than-expected demand for its yoga and exercise wear.

Lululemon said the

company's profits rose to \$28.5 million US, or 40 cents per share, for the three-month period ended Jan. 31 compared to a profit of \$10.9 million or 16 cents a share in the same period last year.

The results beat analyst expectations of 29 cents per share.

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## Railway outlook strengthening

**TRANSPORT** The volume of goods being transported across North America by rail is expanding, an investment bank says, but Canada's second-biggest railway is still cautious about the overall economic outlook for 2010.

Canadian carloads are 15 per cent higher so far in 2010 compared with the year-earlier period, when the recession ate away at demand for many of the products that move across the continent by rail, UBS Investment Research wrote in a note to clients Thursday.

UBS cited "notable strength" in automotive, metals, building materials, chemicals, coal and inter-modal goods at Canada's two main railways, industry leader CN Rail of Montreal and No. 2 CP Rail.

Railways are often considered a bellwether for the state of the wider economy.

## Ontario Weapons plant



London-West MP Ed Holder, middle, presents a "welcome" mat to Kongsberg president Egil Haugdal. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, announced Kongsberg Defence and Aerospace's decision to open a new weapons manufacturing facility in London, Ont., Thursday. The weapon system to be produced can be mounted on light armoured vehicles, and is designed to protect soldiers inside. Canadian soldiers already use the system on their LAVs in Afghanistan.

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## Business in brief

**BANKING** TD Bank chief executive Ed Clark says some of the global rules being proposed by regulators could actually have a negative impact on the banking system. Clark told investors at the bank's annual meeting in Quebec City on Thursday that one rule would require banks to put up the same amount of capital for both high-risk and low-risk assets.

**WIRELESS** Rogers Communica-

tions Inc. says it's strengthening its wireless mobile coverage in northern Ontario by partnering with a regional provider based in Thunder Bay, Ont. The Toronto-based telecom giant says it's partnering with TBayTel, using the independent company's HSPA network to provide a wider variety of services to an underserved region of the province.

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## Union prosecutes forestry giant

**LABOUR** The United Steelworkers is launching a private prosecution against forestry giant Weyerhaeuser over the death of a sawmill worker, three years after B.C. Crown lawyers found there was limited chance of a negligence conviction.

The union says it has hired criminal lawyer Glen Orris to prosecute Weyerhaeuser on its behalf in connection with the death of sawmill worker Lyle Hewer six years ago.

WorkSafeBC fined Weyerhaeuser Canada \$297,000 after the 55-year-old was engulfed by wood debris as he tried to clear a jammed silo at the company's New Westminster mill on Nov. 17, 2004.

According to the Steel-

workers, a New Westminster Police investigation recommended criminal charges under federal legislation designed to hold companies and directors responsible for alleged negligence, but B.C.'s Criminal Justice Branch did not proceed with the case.

Union officials say the decision to conduct a private prosecution is unprecedented but they believe there must be some responsibility for Hewer's death.

In its newsletter published in March, 2007, the union alleged plant management knew the silo was dangerous but refused to make improvements because of the cost.

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**ECONOMY** Ireland's recession-battered economy in 2009 suffered its greatest declines since record-keeping began, the Central Statistics Office reported Thursday. Gross national product, or GNP, fell 11.3 per cent from January to December. Gross domestic product or GDP, which includes still-growing profits shipped out of Ireland by foreign-owned companies, fell 7.1 per cent.

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## Group Toyota claims: Panel

A special panel of U.S. federal judges is being asked Thursday to consolidate before a single court dozens of proposed class-action lawsuits filed by Toyota owners who say the value of their vehicles has plummeted after millions were recalled for safety fixes.

The decision, expected in about two weeks by the seven-member U.S. Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, will set the stage for eventual trial or settlement of the roughly 100 cases filed nationwide, which could potentially cost Toyota billions of dollars in damages.

"Somebody is going to get this thing. It is going to be a ton of work," said attorney David R. Cohen of Cleveland, who has been appointed frequently as a "special master" to assist judges in similar cases.

The judge who is chosen will make several key decisions, including whether all Toyota owners affected by the recalls should be treated as a single class that could be paid for the vehicles' lost value. Toyota also is expected to ask for



Toyota lawyer Cari Dawson leaves the federal courthouse after a hearing on whether dozens of cases will be consolidated before a single judge in San Diego Thursday.

dismissal of the case.

Before that, however, the panel must decide where to send the lawsuits. Toyota favours Los Angeles federal court, near its U.S. headquarters in Torrance, but 18 other jurisdictions have been suggested including Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, New Jersey, and even Puerto Rico.

The lawsuits have been

popping up in court dockets nationwide following Toyota's recalls involving around eight million vehicles, including about six million in the U.S. There are also separate lawsuits filed by crash victims and family members, as well as by investors who blame Toyota stock losses on the recalls.

Toyota, which declined

comment before Thursday's hearing, has blamed the sudden acceleration problems on floor mats and accelerators that sometimes stick. Most of the owner lawsuits, however, trace the incidents to faulty electronic throttle controls that they say Toyota has been aware of and covered up for nearly a decade.

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**Canada eight, trails leader China in clean energy spending**

China has taken the lead in investments in clean energy, spending \$34.6 billion US in 2009, nearly double the U.S., according to a report by the non-profit Pew Charitable Trusts. Canada was ranked eighth, spending \$3.3 billion in 2009 — an 80 per cent annual increase. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Satish Sawant's brand new silver Tata Nano, heralded as the world's cheapest car, is engulfed in flames in the suburbs of Mumbai, India, Sunday.

## Hot Nano runs into trouble

Fire raises safety concerns

**Satish Sawant was proudly driving his first car home from the showroom: A brand-new silver Tata Nano, draped with a celebratory garland of marigolds.**

Then there was smoke. And then there was fire.

Minutes after the software engineer's wife and five-year-old son clambered out of the back seat, smoke from the engine, located in the Nano's rear, erupted into flames that engulfed the tiny car.

His ordeal showed just the latest problem with the low-cost Nano — raising fresh questions about safety and quality as top Indian carmaker Tata Motors sets its sights on global expansion and aims to ramp up production of the Nano with a new factory next month.

Starting around \$2,500 US, the Nano has been heralded as the world's cheapest car, and was meant to

### Smoking

- Last fall, three customers in India complained that their Ninos started smoking. Tata Motors attributed that to a faulty electrical switch and said it had changed suppliers and done additional tests to rule out a recall or redesign.

usher in a safety revolution, which would get millions of families off dangerous motorbikes and into the cool comfort of an affordable car.

Tata Motors, which also owns Jaguar and Land Rover, plans to start selling versions of the Nano in Europe in 2011, and later, in America.

Tata Motors spokesman Debasis Ray said the company is investigating the incident but believes it to be a one-off problem rather than the result of faulty design or manufacture.

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## Len Barrie's resort project placed under court protection

**RESORT** A Vancouver Island resort development headed by Len Barrie, a former NHL player and former owner of the Tampa Bay Lightning, was placed under court protection from creditors on Thursday.

Barrie said in a statement the partnership agreed not to oppose an application to place the resort under creditor protection by HSBC.

The Bear Mountain de-

velopment was planned to include about 3,500 residences, two golf courses and resort properties built out over the next decade, north of Victoria. The development was started in 2001 by Barrie, who recently sold his stake in the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Bear Mountain said in a statement it will be business as usual while it undergoes restructuring.

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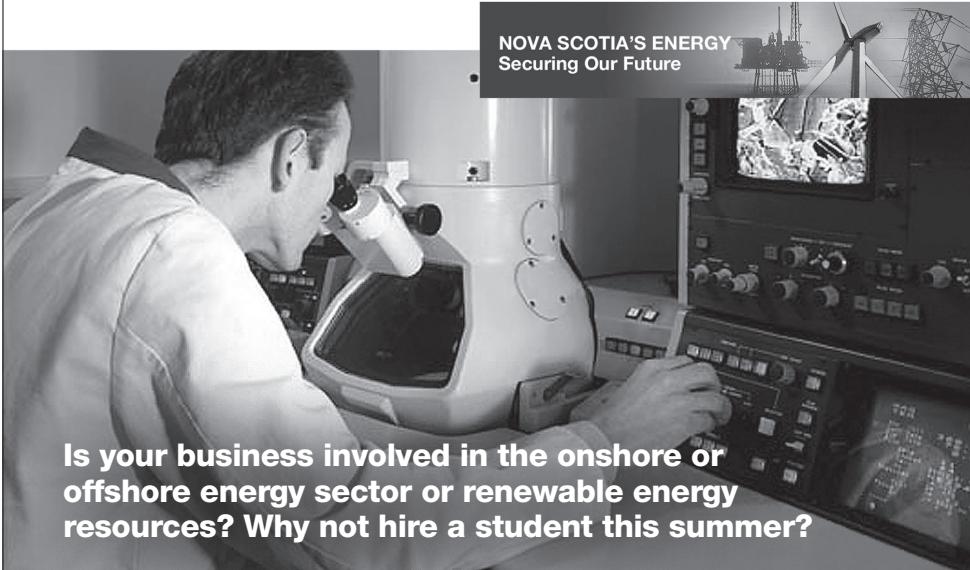
### Business in brief

**TAKEOVER** The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan said Thursday it has signed a deal to acquire Camelot Group plc, which holds an exclusive licence to operate the U.K. National Lot-

tery. The deal worth about \$590 million is conditional on approval from Camelot's regulator, the National Lottery Commission in Britain.

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Cornell Big Red forward Blake Gallagher and Denver Pioneers goaltender Marc Cheverie, both of Cole Harbour, will vie this weekend in Albany, N.Y., for the East Regional berth in the NCAA Division 1 men's hockey Frozen Four. The Frozen Four starts April 8 in Detroit. METRO HALIFAX

Cole Harbour represented in NCAA hockey

# Sports

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## Women ready to battle for gold



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Halifax's Jillian Saulnier among six returnees seeking golden U-18 moment

### The 2014 Winter Olympics feel within reach for Canada's under-18 women's hockey team.

Marie-Philip Poulin, an 18-year-old who wore the Maple Leaf at last year's world under-18 championship in Fussen, Germany, scored both of Canada's goals in a 2-0 win over the U.S. in the Olympic women's hockey final last month in Vancouver.

Poulin was an under-18 teammate of Jillian Saulnier of Halifax, Melodie Daoust of Valleyfield, Que., and four other returning players on Canada's roster for the under-18 tournament starting Saturday in Chicago.

Daoust is inspired by Poulin's example to strive for the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia, and not bide

her time until 2018.

"When you know that you played with her in Fussen, you know she made the Canadian team for the Olympics and she scored, that proves to us we can do the same," Daoust said. "That's really my dream, to make it in the next (Olympics)."

That dream, however, will take a back seat to winning Canada's first gold medal in the world under-18 tournament.

The U.S. captured the first two women's under-18 world titles, beating Canada 5-2 in the final two years ago in the inaugural event in Calgary. In Fussen, Daoust was devastated after losing the championship 3-2 in overtime to the Americans.

"This year, I think we're more ready than last year,"

Daoust said. "The next year, you know what you can do against them."

Saulnier, who turned 18 earlier this month, had a breakaway toward the end of regulation time that could have ended last year's gold-medal contest before overtime. She finished with three assists and a plus-7 in five games.

The five-foot-four forward played for the Toronto Aeros of the Ontario-based Provincial Women's Hockey League this past season, recording 41 points in 30 games.

Goalie Carmen MacDonald of Pictou fortifies the Nova Scotia contingent with Team Canada, while Saint Mary's Huskies head coach Lisa Jordan of Westville is an assistant behind the bench.

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Jillian Saulnier will suit up for Canada at the world under-18 championship, which begins Saturday in Chicago.

### Titans, McCains notch wins

**HOCKEY** The host Halifax Titans and Nova Scotia champion Cole Harbour McCains are off to good starts at the Atlantic major midget AAA hockey championship at St. Margaret's Centre in Tantallon.

The Titans beat the St. John's Fog Devils 6-1 last night and the McCains edged the Charlottetown Islanders 1-0 in the afternoon.

The tournament continues this weekend with the championship Sunday at 1:30 p.m. METRO HALIFAX

### Ex-Moosehead MacDonald shoring up Moncton defence

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capably with injuries on the Wildcats' blue-line and has six assists and is a plus-7 in 30 games.

"If he works at his game and believes in himself, he's got definite upside," Wildcats head coach Danny Flynn told the Moncton Times-Transcript. "As it's turned out, he's had a chance to play some important minutes and he's made a real contribution to our defence."



The Wildcats have a 3-1 lead in their QMJHL best-of-seven first-round series with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. Game 5 is Saturday in Moncton.

**ANTHONY SIDELINED** Halifax's Steven Anthony is on the shelf with a groin injury and has missed the Saint John Sea Dogs' past three games. The Sea Dogs have a 3-1 lead on the P.E.I. Rocket in their first-round series.

Game 5 is Friday in Saint John.

Anthony, a seventh-round pick of the Vancouver Canucks who is known for his offensive ability, has struggled lately, with just five points in his past 23 games.

#### SCHEMBRI RESURFACES

Chukie Schembri, who was sent home for disciplinary reasons after one game with the Mooseheads earlier this season, is now on the Sea Dogs' roster.

He has no points and three hits in three post-season games.

Rainmen look to 'take care of business'

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**PBL** By the time the Halifax Rainmen get back to the Metro Centre Saturday, they'll have weary legs after a road game with the Maryland Greenhawks and a day's worth of air travel.

And they'll have the hottest team in the Premier Basketball League lying in wait, well-rested after six full days off.

The Rainmen host the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry Saturday, and will have their hands full with a team that has won 12 straight games and sits atop the league with a 15-2 record.



"We've got to come out of (Maryland) with a

win before we start thinking about Oklahoma," said Rainmen owner Andre Levington. "But they'll be here a day before us, well-rested, waiting for us to return, and we've got to take care of business."

The fourth-place Rainmen, 10-5, lost to the Cavalry on the road in their season opener 102-87. They returned the favour at the Metro Centre Jan. 22 with a 102-92 victory.

Levington said the Cavalry are "playing amazing basketball," adding that their ability to win on the road is "the mark of a championship team."

The Rainmen are unbeaten at home with an 8-0 record.

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**Butler upsets Syracuse**

Willie Veasley scored five of his 13 points during Butler's 11-0 run down the stretch, and the Bulldogs rallied to upset top-seeded Syracuse 63-59 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Jones secures top-two playoff seeding at championship

**Canada's Jennifer Jones has seen both sides of the playoffs at the world women's curling championship and she likes her view now.**

Her team out of the St. Vital Curling Club in Winnipeg ensured a top-two playoff seeding with a 7-4

win over Russia's Anna Sidorova on Thursday morning.

The Canadians (9-1) were to conclude the preliminary round against Scotland's Eve Muirhead (8-2) at night.

Jones will play in the Page playoff between the

top two teams Friday evening, unless a sudden rash of tiebreaker games push it to Saturday.

The 35-year-old Canadian skip has participated in many Jennifer Jones



abroad, yet it never gets old for her.

"That's what you play for, the adrenaline rush, the excitement," Jones said.

"Obviously being in Canada, everyone is cheering for us

which is super-cool.

"Those are the moments you don't forget, win or lose. We're really excited we get to experience it again."

In the Page playoff, the winner of the one-two game gets a bye to Sunday's final, while the loser

gets a second chance to get there via Saturday's semifinal.

The victor in the playoff between the third and fourth seeds gets into the semifinal, while the best the loser can do is play for bronze.

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## Manitoba rallies for overtime win over McGill

**CIS** Mike Hellyer's second goal of the game 1:51 into overtime lifted the No. 5 Manitoba Bisons past the No. 2 McGill Redmen 5-4 at the Canadian university men's hockey championship Thursday.

Hellyer, who spent four seasons with the Western Hockey League's Prince Albert Raiders, beat McGill netminder Hubert Morin to cap a furious rally by the Bisons. Manitoba trailed 4-1 after two periods, but scored three goals in the third — the last coming with five seconds left in regulation — to force extra time.

"This is the biggest goal of my career so far," said Hellyer, who was the

Bisons' top goal-scorer in the regular season with 11 goals in 28 games. "We never lost focus, we never gave up. This is a huge victory

for the Bisons program."

Manitoba's Kyle Howarth had a pair of goals, while Ian Duval scored once and added an assist. Jared Walker chipped in with three helpers.

"I thought we played well early but didn't capitalize on our chances," said Manitoba head coach Mike Sirant.

"We didn't change anything and stuck to our game plan in the third, and found a way to win. This is one of the most character wins I've been involved with in my career."

Sebastien Rioux, Guillaume Doucet, Simon Marcotte Legare and Alexandre Picard-Hooper countered for the Redmen.

"It hurts to lose a lead in the last few seconds," said McGill interim head coach Jim Webster.

"But we've been able to bounce back from adversity, and I see no reason why we can't do it again this time."

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## 20 sports



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Men's silver medallist Patrick Chan holds up his medal during victory ceremonies Thursday in Turin, Italy.

## Sterling effort earns silver

From his position on the podium, Patrick Chan took hold of his medal and held it up for a closer inspection.

It may have been silver, but pausing to look back on how far he had come from the malady and mishap that dogged him for much of the season, the prize felt pretty close to gold.

Chan captured silver at the world figure skating championships Thursday, putting the disappointment of a trying year firmly behind him.

"Silver medal is a gold medal for me this year, considering all the hardships from the beginning," Chan said. "I think this is by far the most challenging season, the season I'll remember the most because I learned 80 per cent of what I have to learn in my athletic career in this one year."

"So next year will be a breeze."

The Toronto native finished with 247.22 points, scoring 159.42 points in a free skate to Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*, that was shaky in parts and left him about 10 points back of Daisuke Takahashi of Japan.

Takahashi, the Olympic bronze medallist and the leader after the short program, scored 168.40 in the free skate for a total of 257.70, capturing Japan's first men's title.

"It was hard but I did the best performance of my year here in Turin," said Takahashi, who two-footed

### Virtue and Moir

- Canada's Olympic gold medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are poised to capture their first world championship title.
- Virtue and Moir won the original dance segment to remain in the lead going into Friday's free dance program with 114.40 points.
- Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White are second with 112.54, while Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali of Italy are third with 100.01.

the landing on a quad in an otherwise dazzling skate. "I'm proud to be the first Japanese man to win a world title even if I didn't give a perfect performance."

Former world champion Brian Joubert of France, who was third after the short program, landed two quads but fell on a triple Lutz and ended up with a total of 241.74 for bronze in a field that was missing both Olympic gold medalist Evan Lysacek of the U.S., and runner-up Evgeni Plushenko of Russia.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., finished 11th.

On the heels of a short program that was arguably the best skate of his season, Chan looked off-kilter for the first couple of minutes Thursday, falling on his triple Loop and struggling to land the landings on a triple Axel and triple Salchow.

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## Head-shot rule takes effect

**NHL** Blindsides hits to the head will no longer be tolerated in the NHL.

League disciplinarian Colin Campbell has been given the power to hand out supplemental discipline for hits on unsuspecting players where the primary point of contact is the head.

It was officially handed to him Thursday when the executive board of the NHL Players' Association announced that it supported the endorsement of the five player representatives on the competition committee. The league's board of governors had already granted its unanimous support.

The rule took effect im-

**"We believe this is the right thing to do for the game."**

Gary Bettman

mediately.

"We believe this is the right thing to do for the safety of our players," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. "The elimination of these types of hits should significantly reduce the number of injuries, including concussions, without adversely affecting the level of physicality in the game."

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Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh, Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani watch the dying seconds of their loss to the Utah Jazz Wednesday.

## Raps searching for answers

With the season quickly winding down and the Toronto Raptors suddenly out of answers on how to improve their on-court performance, the players may opt for a little selective amnesia.

Forgetfulness might serve the Raptors well, especially when it comes to Wednesday's 113-87 loss to the visiting Utah Jazz.

The defeat dropped Toronto 1 1/2 games back of the Charlotte Bobcats and Miami Heat, who are tied for sixth place in the Eastern Conference standings.

The score actually flattened Toronto (35-35), which struggled mightily against a Jazz team missing versatile forward Andrei Kirilenko, Utah star forward Carlos Boozer spent most of the game in foul trouble, and the Raptors still couldn't capitalize.

Thursday's practice was short and spirited, with point guard Jarrett Jack

### Home woes

- The Toronto Raptors have lost their last two games at the Air Canada Centre by a combined total of 52 points.

the most vocal Raptor in the post-practice huddle. He emphasized that the team needed to forget about what happened against Utah and get prepared for Friday's tilt with the Denver Nuggets (TSN2, 8 p.m. AT).

"I know everybody's looking at the loss, saying it looked bad," said Jack.

"It felt even worse. But you have to have a short memory in this game, know that game's over, and focus on Denver."

While it's a great idea in theory, the Raptors' lacklustre performance against the Jazz is sure to stick with a few players

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## Chan refreshingly honest

### Field of Play

**Scott Russell**

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**R**efreshing. That's the way Patrick Chan is — refreshingly honest. And he discusses matters in such a way that he separates himself from most other elite athletes out there.

"It stinks," he said of his fifth-place finish at the Vancouver Olympics. "Then it settles in and you understand that you're not the only star here, Patrick. You're not the only one working his butt off to get somewhere."

That qualifies as an epiphany.

It seems the Olympic experience actually meant something deeper than a medal chase and an endorsement deal to Canada's

top male figure skater.

This is the same skater who struggled with injury and parted with a longtime coach just prior to the Games.

Chan is a gifted world championship silver medalist who once wondered aloud if he could commit another four years to the dream once Vancouver was over.

"The Olympics transform you," Chan proclaimed, his eyes the size of frying pans.

"No one can explain it to you. They are a different kind of animal. Being with so many other athletes and seeing what they are capable of ... the biathletes, speedskaters and ski jumpers, well, it motivates you to go on."

So at the world figure skating championships here in Turin, Chan is plotting a course. He claims it will take him to the next Olympics in Russia in four years.

He's talking about getting the highly coveted quad jump, yes, but he's also looking into a crystal ball

and likes what he sees.

"There's definitely no outside pressure on me," Chan said. "Here it's all about me. I definitely want to win and think I can."

That's the key. In spite of what unfolds in the present Chan believes he can win in the future. Something happened to him at the Olympics and it served to change his mind.

It made him full of wonder again.

"I saw that one day I could dominate," he figured.

"I saw that I could one day leave a lasting impression on my sport."

Chan is only 19 years old. His words have sometimes been misinterpreted as hastily conceived or even worse — false bravado.

Watching him closely now, one is left with a completely different impression.

He is a supremely talented kid who actually speaks the plain truth.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

## Mountaineers get past Huskies

**MARCH MADNESS** Da'Sean Butler shook off a sore right hand and helped West Virginia shake off feisty Washington to reach the East Regional finals.

Butler kept playing after hurting himself midway through the second half and scored 14 points while Kevin Jones added 18 and eight rebounds in leading the second-seeded Mountaineers over the 11th-seeded Huskies 69-56 Thursday night.

Coach Bob Huggins' Big East champions (30-6) won their ninth in a row and set a school record for victories, surpassing the mark set by the Jerry West-led 1958-59 team that lost in the NCAA championship game.

Justin Holiday scored 14 and added eight rebounds for the Huskies (26-10), who were at a disadvantage after leading scorer Quincy Pondexter picked up his third foul with 4:27 left in the first half.

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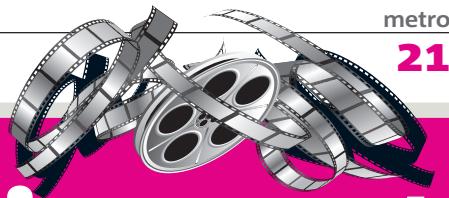
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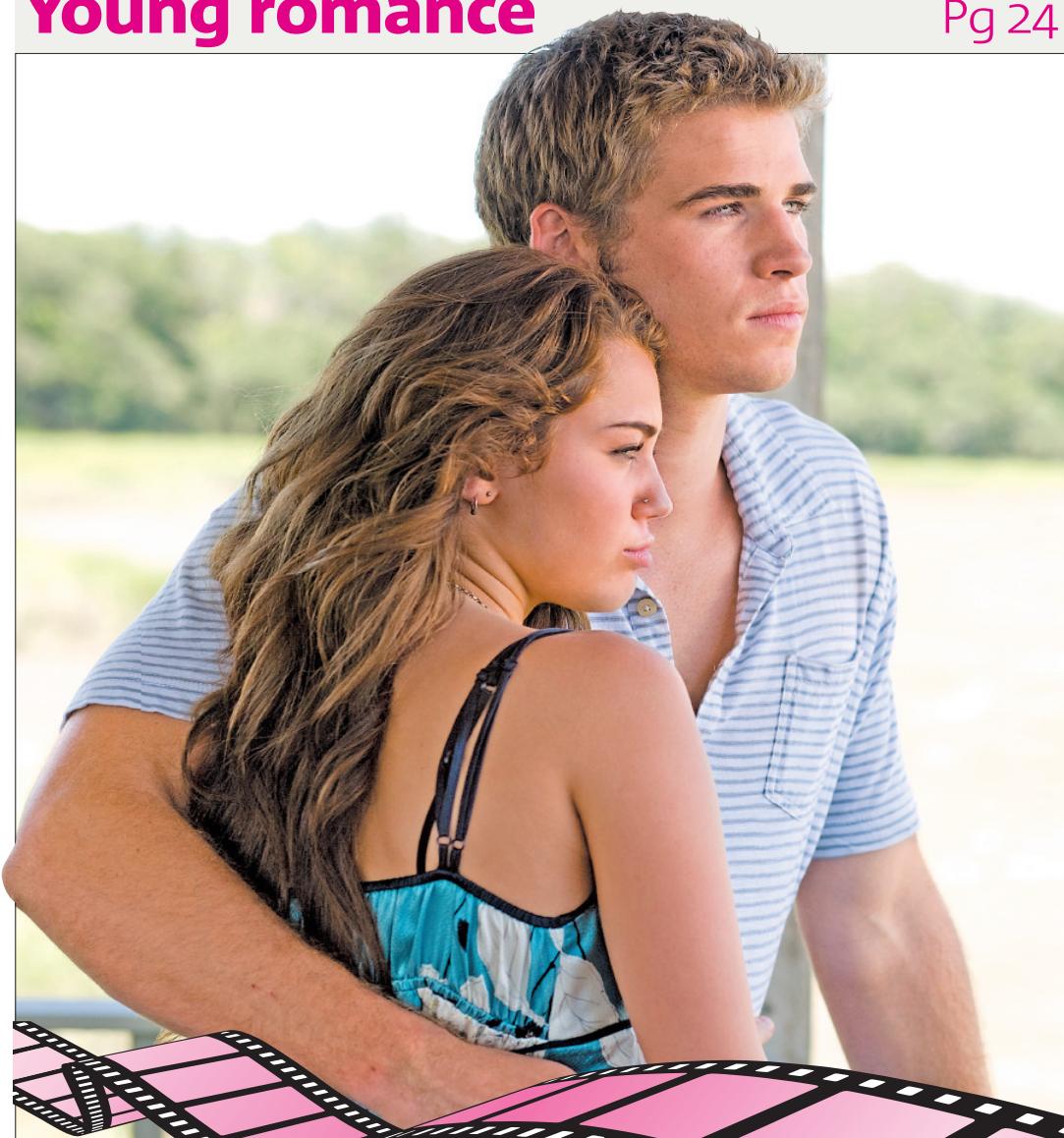
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### Young romance

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Australia's Liam Hemsworth stars in *The Last Song* with on- and off-screen love interest Miley Cyrus. The actor talks romantic movie settings, career challenges and the possibility of working with Cyrus again in the near future.

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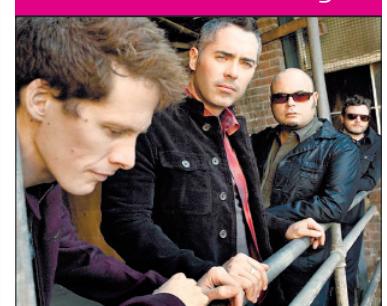
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How to Train Your Dragon offers lots of 3-D action

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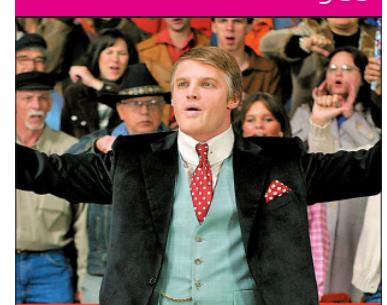
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# Liam sings in the key of Miley

Aussie actor finds real love on set of *Last Song*

ANNE BRODIE  
for Metro Canada

**Liam Hemsworth, a striking young Australian actor who just turned 20, is in an enviable spot these days.**

He's set to star in a potential Arabian Nights franchise, appears in the romantic drama *The Last Song* — from the highly commercial tearjerker Nicholas Sparks, opening next Wednesday — and he's dating his co-star, Hannah Montana phenomenon Miley Cyrus. It's good to be Liam.

He's certainly a romantic. The way he describes shooting *The Last Song*, you have to wonder whether he's talking about Miley and himself.

"These are very real people you can relate to. When he met Miley's character, their attraction was

**"We had great chemistry from the first time we met. It would have been hard not to become close there on the beach every day, it was so beautiful."**

Liam Hemsworth

physical but became much more. They allowed each other to be more of themselves and stop letting people stop telling them who to be. Anyone can relate. It's about a young girl growing up and really becoming true to herself."

The close quarters of moviemaking and romantic ocean side setting helped ignite their romance.

"We spent every day together shooting down there (Georgia) and we had great chemistry from the



Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth share a moment in *The Last Song*, based on a Nicholas Sparks novel.

first time we met. It wasn't too much work to show that chemistry. It would have been hard not

to become close there on the beach every day, it was so beautiful. We were happy together and that's the

truth, we enjoyed being together."

Hemsworth says he's too young to consider marriage. But he thinks they may work together again somewhere "down the track."

For now, they maintain separate schedules while trying to deepen their bond. "I went back to Australia last week to promote *The Last Song*. All my family and friends there and it was really cool. Miley couldn't be there because she was shooting in the U.S., but she did meet my family at New Year's. The biggest thing to me is family and friends."

Hemsworth is about to face his biggest challenge yet — fronting *The Arabian Nights*, a big-budget action film that's being positioned as a franchise. He stars as the princely commander of an army aveng-

ing the murder of their king with the help of Sinbad. However, Hemsworth isn't concerned about the weight of it.

"I don't think of anything about how it's going to be working on it. I have to focus on my part. I'm proud of my work but I don't think of myself as a rising star."

"It's weird to see yourself so big on a screen. In Hollywood, I saw them putting up a billboard of the film on an eight story building. It was huge. That's the biggest I've ever seen my face."

For now, anyway.

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## How to tame audiences and keep them entertained

### How To Train Your Dragon

**Directors:** Chris Sanders, Daniel DeBlos  
**Stars:** Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** **★★★★**

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** When filmmakers Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlos set out to make *How To Train Your Dragon*, they insisted they wanted to "up the age" of the popular book series. Now, the question is, did they go too far?

Adapted from Cressida Cowell's children's novels,



Jay Baruchel plays a Viking kid with a soft spot for flame-spouting beasts in *How To Train Your Dragon*.

Dragon tells a simple story about a wimpy, young Viking named Hiccup (Canuck actor Jay Baruchel) who just can't live up to the expectations of his macho

father (Gerard Butler). In fact, even when he sets out to slay a wounded dragon and gain his rightful place of honour, he instead makes a fire-breathing friend in the

formidable beast.

There's no doubt the film, with its simplistic plot and thematic familiarity, is still aimed at children, but there's a level of detail here

that is often missing in today's family features.

For one, it begins with the animation. Meticulously crafted, Dragon's dark themes and stunning 3-D

animation of battle sequences may even perhaps be a bit frightening to the littlest of ones.

In fact, the superfluous amount of over-the-top flying sequences and overload of action upstage a fairly ordinary story. In this case, it helps — as does the fact that Vikings and dragons are still a novelty in the family genre when compared to, say, ogres or pets.

That, along with fairly effective casting (Butler's gruff grumble is perfect, Baruchel sounds like he's imitating Christian Slater), should make Dragon fresh enough to keep audiences entertained.

• For a trailer of *How To Train Your Dragon*, screen times and photos, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies)

## Antichrist slur against Cameron a joke: Beck

U.S. TV commentator Glenn Beck has apologized — sort of — for likening James Cameron to the antichrist. Beck Wednesday claimed he was speaking in jest when he said Cameron was “running for antichrist.” [IMDB.COM](#)



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## Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

# Laughing with the '80s

## Hot Tub Time Machine

**Director:** Steve Pink  
**Stars:** John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** ★★★½

**PHIL BROWN**  
 for Metro Canada

**Finally a movie that asks the question, what would happen if the overgrown fratboys of the current R-rated comedies took a trip back in time to an '80s gross-out comedy?**

It's a head-scratcher that has plagued man for generations and the long-awaited answer involves booze, sex, spandex, Crispin Glover's severed arm, and good times.

As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridicu-



lous it all is. No movie with that title should work, but this is a surprisingly funny little crowd pleaser.

John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge.

After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a sui-

cide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives.

Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music,

and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Appearing 20 to everyone else, they all have to act exactly as they did before, leading to tear-filled infidelity for Robinson, Cusack regressing into a trench-coat misfit, and Corddry stealing the movie as a hookers 'n' blow-loving alpha male.

Director Steve Pink finds nearly every frame with an homage to '80s comedy.

It wasn't exactly a time of cinematic excellence, but that's part of the joke and the aimless fun of those films is perfectly recreated.

Sure, it's all pointless and disposable, but the laughs come too quickly to notice.

It's hard to care about dramatic subtleties when you're busy laughing at a grown man projectile vomiting on a squirrel.

• For a trailer of Hot Tub Time Machine, screen times and photos, visit [metronews.ca/movies](#)

# Cooking With Stella tasty treat

## Cooking With Stella

**Director:** Dilip Mehta  
**Stars:** Don McKellar, Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ★★★

**ANNE BRODIE**  
 for Metro Canada

Stella's running a booming black market grocery business using High Commission food, a thirty-year old scam involving grocers, butchers, delivery people and the servant class, family and friends.

It's a reliable system that has allowed her to elude detection by the parade of diplomats that come through.

Meanwhile, Stella has grudgingly accepted Michael's presence in the house and has become his cooking guru.

All is well as they bond over simmering spices, luscious fruits, and fragrant rice — until Stella is kidnapped and held for ransom.

It's a joy to watch Seema Biswas at work creating a character that is cunning, underhanded, mean and ruthless — and absolutely charming.

**REVIEW** This gorgeously shot, exotic fable will leave audiences entertained and hungry. And perhaps wondering why they're rooting for a thieving opportunist.

Lisa Ray and Don McKellar are Maya and Michael, a diplomat to the Canadian High Commission in Delhi, India, and her chef husband.

They arrive at the official residence to an incomprehensible class system and a tenured, disapproving cook named Stella (Seema Biswas).

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Noah Baumbach is gathering a cast of serious names for his next project, an adaptation of Claire Messud's novel *The Emperor's Children* — Richard Gere, Keira Knightley and Eric Bana are all signing on for roles. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](http://EMPIREONLINE.COM)

Knightley, Gere sign up for Baumbach project

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# 'I'm a very lucky boy:' Worthington

Avatar star tempts Hollywood fate in Clash of The Titans

NED EHRBAR  
Metro World News

## Movie feature

**On the cusp of his 30th birthday, Clash of the Titans star Sam Worthington made a fateful decision to drastically reorganize his life.**

"I loved my career. I just didn't like things about me," Worthington, now 33, says of his life in Australia. "I woke up, looked in the mirror one day, didn't like what I saw, so I sold the f---ing mirror. I sold everything to my friends. I had an auction at my house — had a gavel and everything. Four bucks for the TV, even sold the gavel in the end."

"It's like that Rudyard Kipling poem. Risk it all on a pitch and toss and lose, tell no one about your loss, and you, sir, are a man,"

Worthington explains. "And I thought that poem was quite inspiring. I just got in the car and drove and thought, well, something's got to give, someone's got to crack. And little did I know there'd be a man who could come along and change my life."

That man, of course, was James Cameron, who cast Worthington in a little movie called *Avatar*. And while he hasn't felt the need to hold another auction, the Australian actor isn't taking things for granted.

"Every day you pinch yourself. I'm extremely humbled by the experience of what *Avatar* has done," he says. "I'm a very lucky boy."



Sam Worthington goes up against Greek gods and demons in *Clash Of The Titans*.

When Metro spoke with Worthington before the release of *Terminator Salvation*, he said he was living out of two suitcases, one full of clothes and one full of books. A year later, not much has changed.

"And I've still got the same now. Don't own any-

thing," he says. There has been one addition, though: a bicycle, which he rode to the Four Seasons this morning, past spectators waiting for the L.A. Marathon.

"Me and my mate bought a bicycle for me because he said it's easier to get

around L.A., especially the way I drive," Worthington says, grinning. "So I ride around like the witch in *The Wizard of Oz* — little basket on the front. It's pretty funny, to be honest. I'm not a very good bicycle rider, either."

While Worthington has quickly become a household name, he insists he isn't interested in fame.

"I'm not in this profession to be famous. That's a byproduct of the size and the scope of the movies I do," he says. "You want to be famous, you go on *Big Brother*. This job's too hard. And it requires a lot of skill and a lot of passion."

Since big-budget popcorn movies have been so good to him, don't expect to see Worthington apply-

ing that skill and passion to any small, character-driven films anytime soon (aside from the upcoming *Last Night*, co-starring Keira Knightley).

"I like doing movies that I would go and see. And I think that's a good barometer for how I choose my movies," he says.

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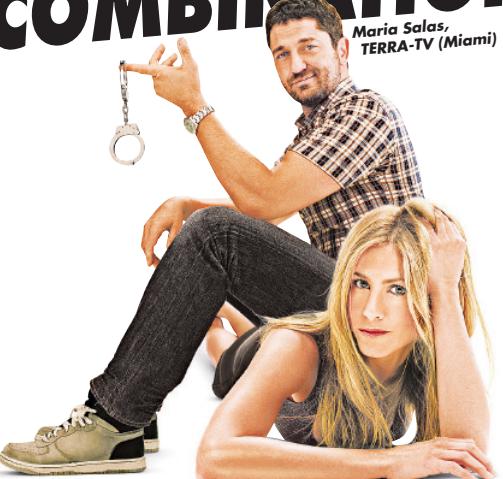
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Ben Stiller digs deep into the titular role of a middle-aged lost boy in Noah Baumbach's Greenberg.

## Stiller shines as Greenberg

### Greenberg

**Director:** Noah Baumbach  
**Stars:** Ben Stiller, Rhys Ifans  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** 1/2

**NED EHRBAR**  
 Metro World News

**The title character of Noah Baumbach's Greenberg would be a lot easier to hate if he didn't have such nice friends.**

The question the movie fails to answer, however, is why such nice friends keep sticking with him — or why the audience should.

Ben Stiller immerses himself in Roger Greenberg, a middle-aged lost little boy, an ornery New Yorker transplanted to Los Angeles — after a brief stint in a psychiatric ward — to house sit for his brother.

Greenberg is simultaneously hostile and fragile, raging at the world through putdowns, criticisms and complaint letters to any corporation he comes into contact with.

That the audience — and his onscreen friends

— finds anything to sympathize with is a testament to Stiller's undervalued dramatic chops.

About those friends: There's his longtime buddy, Ivan (Rhys Ifans), whose once-hopeful music career was scuttled by one of Greenberg's panic attacks and who now mopes around as a struggling father and rock-and-roll could-have-been.

Ifans plays wounded and forgiving well, so much so that the endless second chances he gives Greenberg seem completely believable — especially since his lot in life is the clearest collateral from Greenberg's self-absorption.

Then there's Florence (Greta Gerwig), his brother's twentysomething assistant, reluctantly drawn to Greenberg against her better instincts.

It's Ivan and Florence's ability to tolerate Greenberg that allow him to be a real character and not just a caricature of unpleasantness.

• For a trailer of Greenberg, screen times and photos — or to buy tickets — visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies)

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# Master falters in Chloe

### Chloe

**Director:** Atom Egoyan  
**Stars:** Amanda Seyfried, Julianne Moore, Liam Neeson  
**Classification:** 18A  
**Rating:** 1/2

**RICHARD CROUSE**  
 for Metro Canada

**Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work.**

Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years.

Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to re-eroticize a marriage." Add to that a layer of sexual obsession and you get a film that feels like a throwback to the erotic thrillers of a couple of decades ago.

Egoyan has crafted a feature that breathes the same air as Fatal Attraction and Basic Instinct — films made when the director was busy making his own subtly sex-



Amanda Seyfried, left, and Julianne Moore star in Chloe, directed by Canada's Atom Egoyan.

ual films like Exotica. At the time Roger Ebert wrote, "There is a quality in all of his work that resists the superficial and facile. Even at the very start, he wasn't interested in simple storytelling." Until now, Roger, until now.

There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

He does, however, bring much to the table.

The film is gorgeous to

look at — from the beauty shots of Toronto, to the collective "wowness" of the cast.

To match the rich visuals he's brought his own sensibility to the story, and instead of simply remaking Nathalie, the French film Chloe is based on, he has populated the plot with strong female characters. And, as befits any erotic thriller there are twists and turns galore.

Unfortunately most of them will be obvious to anyone who has ever read a Joe Eszterhas script and

that is the film's Achilles' Heel.

The movie's closing moments play like a predictable B-movie, albeit a highbrow one, but a B-movie nonetheless.

Chloe marks the first time Egoyan has worked from a script that he didn't write and despite its ups — nice performances and beautiful photography — it made me yearn for the auteur of the Exotica years who would have made an uncompromising movie with a more dramatic ending.

## Hollywood has odd time travel objects

### InFocus

**Richard Crouse**

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**"Everyone remembers the DeLorean time travel car from Back to the Future — chosen because its sleek futuristic look resembled a spaceship — but it wasn't until the third draft of the script that the filmmakers decided on the famous gull winged car."**

**M**ovies are like time machines. No, they don't physically transport viewers to another time and place but, like dreams and memories, they can take the audience back to ancient Rome or forward in time to a planet populated by giant blue people. I guess that's why stories about time travel have been so popular on the big screen.

This weekend John Cusack stars in the latest time travel tale, the self explanatory Hot Tub Time Machine.

For Cusack the idea of

getting stuck in the 1980s doesn't require a time machine. A star for thirty years he says all he has to do is turn on the TV to be taken back. "Every time I flip through the cable, I have flashbacks."

In the movie Cusack and his buddies head back to the '80s, a decade that one of the more famous time travel movies used as a starting point.

Everyone remembers the DeLorean time travel car from Back to the Future — chosen because its sleek futuristic look resembled a spaceship — but it wasn't until the third draft

of the script that the filmmakers decided on the famous gull winged car.

Originally the time travel device was a laser, rejected because it wasn't exciting enough. Then director Robert Zemeckis considered housing the machine in a refrigerator but discarded the idea over concerns that the movie may inspire kids to crawl into iceboxes and get trapped.

In the original script for Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, in which the titular characters bring historical figures back from history to help them with a school project, the time

machine was a 1969 Chevy Van, but afraid of inadvertently plagiarizing Back to the Future the filmmakers went with a phone booth instead.

Probably the most famous time shifting story is H.G. Wells's The Time Machine.

In the 1960 movie version director George Pal fashioned the look of the time machine on a sled (a idea borrowed years later for the hardware in Jean-Claude Van Damme's Timecop), so, he said, it could slide into the future. Paying tribute to the story's author, he affixed a plaque on the time machine that reads "Manufactured by H. George Wells."

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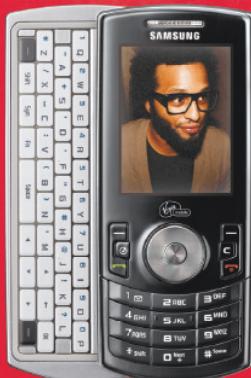
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## Music

# Shakeup inspired Jones on The Fall

KAREN BLISS  
for Metro Canada

**Norah Jones doesn't feel it was brave of her to record her latest album, The Fall, with a brand new set of musicians, even though changing even one player can have an enormous effect on a band from the chemistry to the sound.**

"For me, it needed to happen," says Jones. "It was time for me to mix it up and try new things. All the people I've played with, it was time for them to try new things too, I think."

Although the N.Y.C.-based singer-pianist didn't know any of the players before she got in the studio with them and producer Jacquire King (Kings of Leon, Modest Mouse, Tom

Waits), Jones says everybody was really nice and she felt comfortable giving direction, when necessary. "Some musicians take direction well and get better with a little bit of insight from the person they're playing with; some people do better just going on instinct and as soon you ask them to change one thing, it doesn't work anymore," says Jones. "Everybody's different. I learned that."

It worked out so well that those players are now her touring band. "It's just really fun to play and they

sound great," she says.

Jones was first viewed as a jazz artist when she debuted in 2002 with Come Away With Me and then threw in some country flavour on 2004's Feels Like Home, both of which mainly featured other people's songs. For the next, 2006's Not Too Late, she wrote every single one, some as co-writes; same with 2009's The Fall, which ranges from the swinging rock 'n' roll of It's Gonna Be to the soft sultry pop of Chasing Pirates.

"The last couple of records have been all my songs and it's been rewarding. I feel encouraged as a



Norah Jones' latest album, The Fall, was released in 2009.

songwriter," she says.

Jones, who turns 31 at the end of the month, has sold a staggering 40 million albums worldwide. Most people work in order to retire, to one day have enough money to stay home. What keeps her mo-

tivated?

"I like what I do," she says simply. "I like the music. The minute the music gets boring or I don't like it, I'm not going to do it anymore. That's why I have to keep trying new things and change it up."

"I don't know, I could be into staying home and hanging out," she laughs. "And I have the past couple of years. It's been a lot of work, putting this album out and traveling again and I do enjoy it, but there has to just be a balance."

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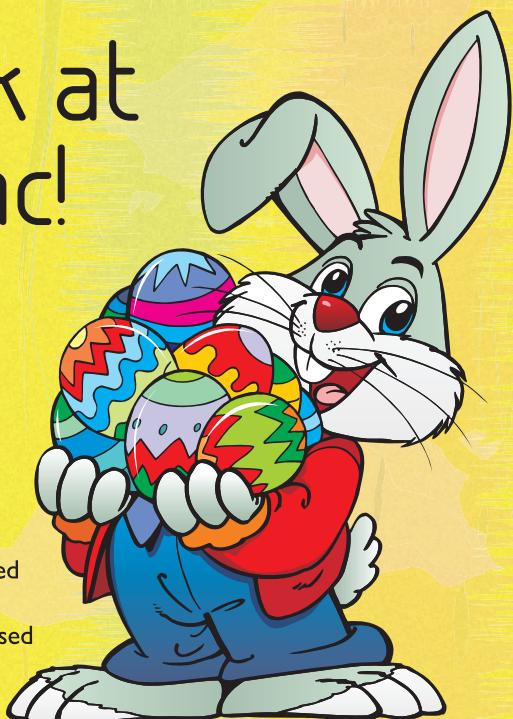
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## Music

# Ladies learn to regroup

New album inspired by struggles, departure of Steven Page

The Barenaked Ladies' first single following the high-profile exit of Steven Page was an anguished tune called You Run Away, featuring frontman Ed Robertson singing about a fleeing friend and a broken brotherhood.

And Robertson isn't being coy about the subject matter.

If You Run Away sounds like it was inspired by the departure of founding member Page — sample lyric: "I tried to be your brother/ You cried and ran for cover/ I made a mess, who doesn't?" — that's because it was.

"It was absolutely inspired by some of that relationship," Robertson said in an interview outside the band's crammed Toronto rehearsal space.

But it's not totally about him, you know. There are lots of moments on the record that come from dealing with that relationship. I worked with the guy for 20 years and I knew him for 15 years before that. It's a huge relationship in my life.

"That parting is like a marriage breakup. There was a lot, emotionally, to sort through."

That's been the theme of the past few years for a



All In Good Time is the first new album from Barenaked Ladies without founding member Steven Page.

band that's gone through more than just the loss of one of its signature voices.

The Barenaked Ladies, whose public image has always centred on the sort of high-energy, goofy good disposition required by children's television hosts,

endured a tumultuous period fraught with private and public disappointments.

Robertson's mother died and he crashed a small float plane near Algonquin Park. Then there was

Page's drug arrest (the charges were eventually dropped) and the '09 announcement that he was leaving the band that he helped found more than 20 years prior.

Those involved at the time said that scheduling had become a headache for the band, and Page said he wanted to pursue solo opportunities. The parting was said to be amicable.

But following the January release of You Run

Away, Page seemed to take umbrage with the song.

After paraphrasing a line from the tune in his Twitter account ("He tried his best. But it wasn't enough," Page wrote), he responded to fans who lamented the apparently rocky relationship between Page and the rest of the band.

"That song was a pretty low blow, wasn't it?" Page tweeted. "I wish them lots of success, but it sucks be-

"I worked with (Page) for 20 years and I knew him for 15 years before that. It's a huge relationship in my life ... That parting is like a marriage breakup."

Ed Robertson

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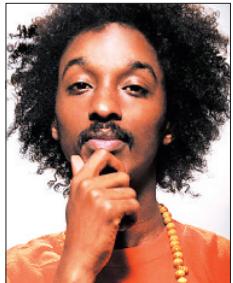
Robertson says he and Page haven't been communicating much since the departure (Robertson says he tried reaching out immediately after the split but says that, for now, their relationship is a "tough thing to bridge.")

But he insists he didn't intend to offend Page with the song.

"I would just say it's not a low blow," he said. "It's never intended as such. It's just a song. And it's not to him, for him, or about him. It certainly draws from that relationship but I don't do low blows."

Robertson doesn't bristle when asked about Page, greeting questions about the split openly and patiently ("It's not the elephant in the room," he says. "I don't mind talking about it at all.")

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K'naan

## Classified, K'naan to perform at Juno Awards

**AWARDS** The Junos have added a bit more hip-hop flavour to this year's award show.

Toronto's K'naan and Classified of Enfield, N.S., have both been added to the roster of performers for the Junos, which will take place April 18 in St. John's, N.L.

Rootsy Toronto outfit Great Lake Swimmers have also been added to the list of talent set to hit the stage.

Michael Bublé, Drake, Blue Rodeo, Billy Talent, Justin Bieber and Metric are among the performers who were previously announced.

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## Music

# Here comes the sun

Melissa Auf der Maur, Hole, MGMT highlight spring releases

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**N**ow that we've left winter behind — technically, anyway — it's time to start looking ahead to some of the spring's big rock releases. Sadly, though, there aren't a lot of them.

Pop still rules the music cycle and many major bands are either coming to the end of their release-and-

touring schedule (Nickelback, Kings of Leon, Coldplay, Green Day) while others have gone to ground completely (Nine Inch Nails comes to mind).

This, however, offers bands with new releases a path of lesser resistance. Here are some highlights.

**Plastic Beach, Gorillaz (Out now):** The cartoon band created by Damon Albarn (Blur) and Jamie Hewlett (the comic book artist behind *Tank Girl*) is back with a third album said to have been recorded on an island made of floating trash somewhere in the Pacific. EMI is praying that it does as well as the last two albums which sold a

combined total of 14 million copies.

**Out of Our Minds, Melissa Auf der Maur (March 30):**

After an eternity in Record Contract Purgatory, MADM — ex-Hole and ex-Smashing Pumpkins — is finally ready to reveal an extremely ambitious and solo project that involves music (in both digital and physical forms), film, photography, a comic and live performances. As she told me, "I wanted to offer an artistic experience with multiple points of entry."

**Congratulations, MGMT (April 13):**

Faced with having to follow up *Oracular Spectacular* with something, er, equally spectacu-

lar, MGMT elected to veer off into a completely different direction, creating a record that's meant to be consumed as a hole rather than in bite-sized chunks of singles. Bold.

**Red Light Fever, Taylor Hawkins and the Coattail Riders (April 20):**

While his boss is off playing with Them Crooked Vultures (among others), Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins leads a band through a record filled with '70s-inspired power pop. Guests include Brian May and Roger Dean of Queen, Elliot Easton of the Cars and, of course, Dave Grohl.

**Nobody's Daughter, Hole (April 27):**

She's



Congratulations by MGMT is out April 13, while Nobody's Daughter, the first album from Hole since 2009, is out April 27.

baaack! Courtney Love is finally ready with a Hole album, the first since 1998's *Celebrity Skin*. Although she's the only original member of Hole in the band, what I've heard so far sounds pretty solid. Skinny Little B — has done quite well as the first single. Listen for a Billy Corgan co-write called *Samantha* very soon.

And there's more. News on U2, Deftones and STP next week.

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## Singer Johnny Maestro of Brooklyn Bridge dies

**Singer Johnny Maestro, who performed the 1958 doo-wop hit 16 Candles with The Crests and enjoyed a decades-long career with The Brooklyn Bridge, has died of cancer. He was 70.**

Maestro and The Brooklyn Bridge in 1968.

Hits by the rock 'n' roll and doo-wop group included *The Worst That Could Happen*, which Cauchi said earned "gold record" status with a million sales.

Cauchi said the group performed that song on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Other hits included *Blessed is the Rain*, *Welcome Me Love* and *"You'll Never Walk Alone*.

Cauchi recalled that another well-known song, *Your Husband, My Wife*, drew controversy when it was released in 1969 because it dealt with infidelity — a touchy topic during that era.

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### In brief

**CHARTS:** The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending March 27.

1. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber
2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
3. All in Good Time, Barenaked Ladies
4. Valleys of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix
5. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
6. Plastic Beach, Gorillaz
7. All Days Are Night: Songs for Lulu, Rufus Wainwright
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# Biopic gets to the Cherry centre

Two-part CBC show will examine the life one of Canada's most outspoken personalities

**The Don Cherry that most Canadians know is the outsized personality from Coach's Corner, the vociferous hockey icon who favours hard hits and flamboyant threads.**

And Cherry is fine with that. It's revealing the other side of his life, as he will in the upcoming two-part CBC-TV biopic *Keep Your Head Up, Kid: The Don Cherry Story*, that worries him.

"Tell you the truth, that's one of the reasons I didn't want to do the movie," Cherry told The Canadian Press in an interview at CBC headquarters Wednesday.

"People like myself don't want to have it laid out there for people to see and criticize. ...

That's why I really, for four years, I wouldn't do the movie. Nobody likes to see their personal life put out to everybody."

But Cherry, 76, eventually gave the film the go-ahead because it was his son, Tim, who wrote the screenplay and wanted his father's story to make it to the screen.

*Keep Your Head Up, Kid* follows Cherry through his childhood, his tumultuous minor-league playing career, his (tumultuous again) stint as a head coach in the AHL and NHL and his transition into broadcasting with the CBC, where he's been since 1980.

Jared Keeso of Listowel, Ont., plays Cherry from his hockey-playing days through the decades that followed with the aid of makeup, prosthetics and a wig, while Sarah Manninen portrays Cherry's late wife, Rose.

Cherry hasn't seen the film yet. He says he'll want to be alone when he watches it on Sunday and Monday — although he'll have company from his beloved bull terrier.

"I'm gonna be watching it in my basement with Blue and my goldfish," Cherry said. "I feel like I should do that because I don't know how I'm going to accept it, and I don't want anybody around."

Much of the film might be tough to take for Cherry, who has read the script. He says Manninen bears an uncanny resemblance to the

real Rose, who died in 1997. And he says that revisiting his own life story has made him realize how selfish he had been, putting his career ahead of his family.

Indeed, the film doesn't gloss over Cherry's missteps.

Cherry — a reliably outspoken proponent of hard-nosed hockey — was exactly the sort of player you'd expect: a tough-guy defenceman, a gritty sort whose mentality and skillset was enough to earn him a career in hockey, but not at the level he wanted.

He played only one NHL game, instead spending years ricocheting around the minor leagues — with stops in Windsor, Ont., Barrie, Ont., Hershey, Pa., Springfield, Mass., Boston, Trois-Rivières, Que., Waterloo, Ont., Sudbury, Ont., Spokane, Wash., Tulsa, Ok., Rochester, N.Y., and Vancouver — uprooting his young family at every turn. All told, he says they moved 53 times.

In the film, Rose shows infinite patience with her husband. She's supportive even as the stubborn on-screen Cherry chooses to work painting houses rather than sacrifice his pride in search of another job in hockey.

She fails to offer even token protestations each time she's forced to pack up for another town as Cherry chases on-ice glo-

ry. And, Keeso's narration tells us, she bears the burden of taking care of young Tim when he's diagnosed with a serious kidney problem.

"He didn't really think about the consequences of his actions," Tim said. "That's maybe one of the themes to the movie.

"But dad said you have to show it, warts and all, or (the movie's) going to be horrible."

The film also covers the many feuds Don Cherry has ignited with his various bosses, with a particular focus on his toxic relationship with Harry Sinden, who was general manager of the Boston Bruins when Cherry won the Jack Norris Trophy as the team's coach.

**Keep Your Head Up, Kid airs Sunday & Monday, 8 p.m. on CBC**

That's why I really, for four years, I wouldn't do the movie. Nobody likes to see their personal life put out to everybody."

Indeed, the film doesn't gloss over Cherry's missteps.

Cherry — a reliably outspoken proponent of hard-nosed hockey — was exactly the sort of player you'd expect: a tough-guy defenceman, a gritty sort whose mentality and skillset was enough to earn him a career in hockey, but not at the level he wanted.

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In the film, Rose shows

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Jared Keeso plays Don Cherry in the CBC biopic *Keep Your Head Up, Kid: The Don Cherry Story*. It airs Sunday and Monday nights.

"I couldn't stand to see Timothy on that machine, knowing he was in pain ... I left it all for Rose to handle," Keeso's Cherry says in the film.

"I know, I was a coward."

Tim Cherry said people who read the script were surprised that his father approved of it. But, the younger Cherry says, it's an accurate depiction of what happened.

"I've always had that problem, everywhere I've been, with authority," the real-life Cherry conceded Wednesday.

"Even with CBC, it seems, when they called me despicable and reprehensible a few years ago. I have a problem with authority, I guess. Some guys have it in different ways but that's the way with me. But I've paid the price many times."

The film ends just as Cherry begins his time with CBC, and thus doesn't show his evolution into the most controversial voice in hockey.

But his son says that side of Cherry — the divisive, opinionated commentator who has touched off debate after debate — has long been there too, whether on camera or off.

"People say: 'Oh, it's a sh!tstick.' Not really — just at home he doesn't dress as nice, and he's not quite as loud," Tim Cherry said with a laugh.

"You see that persona quite a bit coming up. ... He's pretty genuine. I don't think you can go 30 years now and take a lot of the slings and arrows he's taken doing a sh!tstick."

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## Academy to continue doing honourary Oscars separately

**CEREMONY** The film academy is continuing its new tradition of presenting honorary Oscars at an untelevised ceremony months before the Academy Awards.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president Tom Sherak says the second annual Governors Awards will be held Nov. 13. The private dinner event will be produced by past academy president

Sid Ganis, Sherak said.

"In its first year, it turned out to be a really great evening," Ganis said Wednesday. "It was the sweetest, most personal way for the academy to bring extra special recognition to those artists and their lifetime accomplishments.

"It was relaxed, it was of course not televised, and it was super star-studded. My job is going to be to at least

duplicate what happened in that first year."

Some of the academy's highest honours, including the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award and the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial

Award, may be presented at the event. The board of governors will meet in August to determine the 2010 honorees.

Lauren Bacall, Roger Corman and Gordon Willis

received honorary Oscars and John Calley was presented with the Thalberg award at the inaugural Governors Awards last year.

"It's still brand new, and it's something that I'm almost positive will be around for a long, long time," Ganis said.

"We'll keep making it something extraordinary, and we'll make sure that it has its proper moments on the

big show."

Ganis, who served four years as academy president before Sherak took office in August, said he's excited to help pay tribute to some of the legends in entertainment.

"This is about my heroes," he said. "These men and women put out a lot of good, and for me to be a part of honouring them is pretty cool."

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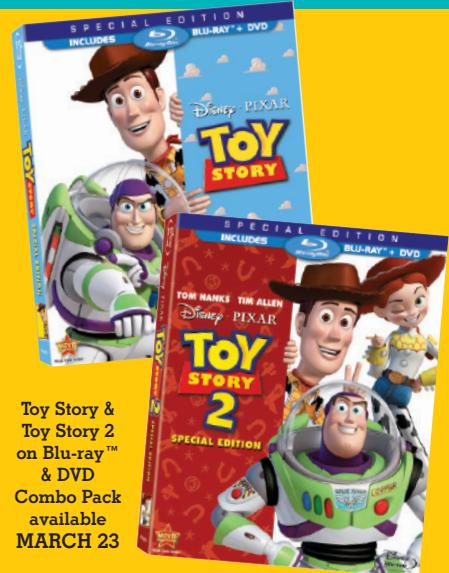


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### Television

# Nickelodeon honours Obama

**First lady Michelle Obama is getting attention from the Nickelodeon kids' television network — and it has nothing to do with green slime.**

Nickelodeon said Thursday it will honour Mrs. Obama with its Big Help award at the Kids' Choice Awards. She has taped a message for Saturday's show.

She is being honoured

for her Let's Move campaign to help cut down on childhood obesity.

Nickelodeon has been working with Mrs. Obama on the campaign. It has donated \$3 million to school and after-school programs to create opportunities for physical play. Nickelodeon executive Marva Smalls says that with Mrs. Obama's activity, forces are aligning not just to

place blame but to move forward.

Not being present means the first lady will avoid being doused with slime, which Nick frequently does as a prank to people involved in its show.

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Michelle Obama, pictured right, is set to receive Nickelodeon's Big Help Award.

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
FRIDAY 3/26/10 primetime	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Jamie Oliver's Food	Jamie Oliver's Food	20/20		
	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	America's Next Top Model	Jamie Oliver's Food	Comedy Now			
	11	11	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour		
	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	College Basketball NCAA Tournament – Tennessee vs. Ohio State.				College Basketball		
	6	6	CIEH	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "Hangman"	X-Weighted "Kyla"	Shark Tank	News Final (N)			
	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Access H.	Medium	Criminal Minds (N)	The Bridge (N) (DVS)	CTV News			
	36	36	FOX	Selinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House (HDTV PA)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	Fox First		
	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?	Dateline NBC (HDTV)			
	55	55	SCOR	HSC	Covers	College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA.				College Basketball		
	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live)			Curling		
SATURDAY 3/27/10 primetime	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal			
	70	70	APTN	APTN National News (N)	Fish Out of Water	Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	The Gift *** (2000, Suspense)			
	37	37	BRVO	Emily of New Moon	Spectacle: Elvis	Bravo!FACT	Cover Stories	White Collar	Dexter			
	49	49	CJCH	Just for Laughs	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Simpsons South Park	Comedy Now		
	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Crazier 360			
	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Dirty Jobs	Man vs. Wild (N)	Explorer: First			
	48	48	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home	House	Property	House Hunt. (N)	World's	Location, Location, Location	House		
	46	46	HIST	Jobs in the Danger Zone	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	Nastradamus Effect	Boogie Nights *** (1997, Drama)	The School of Rock (2003, Comedy)			
	17	17	MM	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Secret Life of American Teen	The Vampire Diaries	The Vampire Diaries	The School of Rock (2003, Comedy)	GoldenEye *** (1995, Action)			
	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Antifrust (2001, Suspense)	The Gate *** (1987, Horror)							
SUNDAY 3/28/10 primetime	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	NYC: Tornado Terror (2008, Suspense)	Nicole de Boer	Pure Pwnage			
	40	40	Slice	Whatever	Wedding SOS	Rich Poor	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	
	21	21	TLC	Say Yes	Four Weddings (HDTV)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear (N)	Top Yam: La.			
	22	22	W	House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny	How to Look Good Naked	The Notebook ** (2004, Romance)	The Holiday *** (2006, Romance-Comedy)			
	27	27	YTV	ICarly	To Be Indie	A Cinderella Story ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)	Things I Hate	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol			
	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Dancing With the Stars	The contestants perform.	Castle		
	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Raising Rover (DVS)	NHL Hockey Regional Coverage. (HDTV) (Live)				Atlantis		
	11	11	CBC	National Hockey Night	NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey		
	32	32	CBS	College Basketball		College Basketball				NCIS: Los Angeles	48 hr. Mystery	
	6	6	CIEH	16:9-Picture	renegade	The Bad Son (2007, Suspense)	Catherine Dent.	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)		
	9	9	CJCH	W5 (N) (DVS)	Spectacle: Elvis	Flashpoint (DVS)	Cops (N)	Law & Order (HDTV)	CTV News			
	36	36	FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	Fox First			
	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)	Parenthood "Wassup?"	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order			
	55	55	SCOR	College Basketball	College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.	Curling 2010 World Women's Championship, Semifinal: Teams TBA. From Swift Current, Sask.			Score Now	WWE Vintage		
SUNDAY 3/28/10 sports	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Lethal Weapon 2 *** (1989, Action)		The Andromeda Strain (2008, Science Fiction)	Benjamin Bratt.					
	70	70	APTN	Flame	The Mix (N)	MYTV	Rez Tunez	Blackfly	The Seventh Sign *** (1988, Horror)			
	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Laughology (DVS)	Star Portraits	Books-Film	Lost in Translation *** (2003)			
	49	49	CJCH	Comedy Now (DVS)	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	The Simpsons The Simpsons	Mike Birbiglia		
	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Newsroom	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live	Newsroom				
	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab (N)	Destroyed	Destroyed	Verminators			
	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Flipping Out	Property	For Rent	Outdoor Room	Price	Makover		
	46	46	HIST	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect	Cities of the Underworld	The Bourne Identity (2002, Suspense)	Muchmusic Countdown				
	17	17	MM	The Vampire Diaries	The School of Rock *** (2003, Comedy)				The World Is Not Enough (1999, Action)			
	206	206	PIX	(6:25) Radio Flyer (1992, Fantasy)		(8:20) Mad Max *** (1979)						
SUNDAY 3/28/10 cable variety	39	39	SHOW	Night-Museum	About a Girl	Slings and Arrows	Lost in the Dark (2007, Suspense)	Mae Whitman	Night-Museum			
	40	40	Slice	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of NYC	Real Housewives of Atlanta	Real Housewives, Orange	Project Runway				
	21	21	TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	Paranormal			
	22	22	W	In Her Shoes *** (2005, Comedy-Drama)	Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette.				The Holiday *** (2006, Romance-Comedy)			
	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	
	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
	31	31	ABC	News Center	World News	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Castle			
	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	TMZ (N)	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)	Desperate Housewives	Law & Order				
	11	11	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Keep Your Head Up Kid: The Don Cherry Story. (DVS)	CBC News: The National	Undercover Boss (N)	Cold Case (N)				
	32	32	CBS	College Basketball	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	The Simpsons Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				
	6	6	CIEH	Global Nat	16:9-Picture	Cleveland	King of Hill	Undercover Boss (N)	CTV News			
	9	9	CJCH	Human Target (N)	Cold Case (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	The Simpsons Cleveland	Family Guy Tucson	Fox First			
	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Revolution"	Til Death (N)	Til Death (N)	Opus Dei-Da Vinci Code	Family Guy Tucson				
	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Dateline NBC (HDTV)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				
	55	55	SCOR	College Basketball	Score Today	Score Today	Score Today	Score Now	Poker Tour			
SUNDAY 3/28/10 cable variety	53	53	TSN	(6) Curling 2010 World Women's Championship, Final: Teams TBA.					Women's Hockey			
	16	16	A&E	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	G. Simmons	Kirstie Alley		
	70	70	APTN	River-Heals	Down2Earth	Canadian Geographic	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)	Desperate Housewives	Bear Walker * (2000, Drama)			
	37	37	BRVO	Laughology (DVS)	Arts & Minds	Bravo!FACT	Call of the Wild "Doc"	Desperate Housewives	The Ten Commandments *** (1956)			
	49	49	CJCH	Laughs	Laughs	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	South Park	The Ten Commandments *** (1956)			
	18	18	CNN	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Just for			
	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters	Secrets of the Secret Service	Newsroom	MythBusters			
	34	48	HGTV	Holmes Inspection	House	House	Sarah's House "Home to Flip	Holmes Inspection	House-Bryan			
	46	46	HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	Ancient Discoveries	Opus Dei-Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code (2006, Mystery)					
	17	17	MM	Secret Life of American Teen	America's Best Dance Crew	America's Best Dance Crew	My Date My Date	St. Elmo's Fire ** (1985, Drama)	disBAND			
SUNDAY 3/28/10 sports	206	206	PIX	Book of Shadows	(8:10) Top Gun *** (1986, Adventure)							
	39	39	SHOW	Howie Do It	Kink in Hair	Crash & Burn (HDTV)	Poison Ivy: The Secret Society (2008, Drama)					
	40	40	Slice	Buy Me	Buy Me	The Big Flip	X-Weighted "Hugh"	In Laws	Damages (N)			
	21	21	TLC	Extreme Forensics	TV Murders: Fiore-Pressly	The Trials of Amanda Knox	South Park	In Laws	Matchmaker			
	22	22	W	(5) The Holiday (2006)	Supernanny	Come Dine With Me	Human Trafficking (2005, Crime Drama)			Hoard-Buried		
	27	27	YTV	The Last Mimzy ** (2007, Fantasy)	Rainn Wilson	League-Evil	Family Blz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This		





PETA is calling out the Price of Beauty star Jessica Simpson for wearing exotic skins. The animal rights organization is also criticizing fellow snake-skin lover Catherine Zeta Jones, Victoria Beckham and Sarah Jessica Parker, USMAGAZINE.COM

## Going Out

## Octomom gets oddball offers

**Nadya Suleman's**  
octuplets have brought  
her plenty of fame, but  
fortune appears to be an  
other story.

Her father, Ed Doud, has deflated on a \$450,000 US balloon payment on a half-million dollar house he bought last year for the family to live in, mortgage holder Amer Haddadin said Wednesday.

Haddadin told The Associated Press he plans to file foreclosure papers in court within days if he doesn't get his money.

Although Suleman's lawyer, Jeff Czech, said earlier this week his client's father was hoping to work something out, he was blunt when it came to the balloon payment: "Mr. Doud at this moment doesn't have \$450,000 to pay off," he said.

In a brief email Wednesday, he added that he was negotiating with Haddadin's attorney for more time to refinance.

Not that Suleman doesn't have the opportu-



**Don't let your dog or cat  
become an  
"octomom"**

ALWAYS SPAY OR NEUTER **PETA**

This image provided by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals released Wednesday, shows a copy of a sign designed to be placed in Nadya Suleman's yard for a fee to offset the cost of her mortgage.

**"No porn. Just Peta.  
Nadya prefers  
animals over men."**

Jeff Czech  
Nadya Suleman's  
lawyer

nity to raise the money quickly, although not in ways she would want to.

Steven Hirsch, co-chairman of Vivid Entertainment, one of the world's largest purveyors of adult films, announced this week that his company

would pay off Suleman's mortgage if she would make a porn film.

Hirsch assured it would be, well, as tasteful as those things can be with her input on male co-stars and script.

Czech did say that Suleman had accepted a much more modest offer from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — \$5,000 to put a sign in her front yard proclaiming, "Don't Let Your Dog or Cat Become an Octomom. Always Spay or Neuter."

"No porn. Just Peta.

Nadya prefers animals over men," Czech said in an email exchange with The Associated Press.

The arrival of the longest-surviving octuplets in history on January 2009 was hailed as a medical miracle and it appeared a joyful public was ready to line up to help raise them, providing free diapers, food and other necessities.

But public opinion quickly turned against her when it was discovered she was a single mother who had conceived eight children by in vitro fertilization when she already had six youngsters to raise.

What's more she was unemployed and surviving on a combination of student loans, disability checks for other children and workers' compensation checks for an old back injury. At the time she was also living with her mother whose own home was in foreclosure.

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## Mix of Six

## Rabbit Hole

WHEN: Through Sunday  
WHERE: Neptune Theatre

This Pulitzer Prize winning play by David Lindsay-Abaire tells the story of a family dealing with the tragic loss of their four-year-old son.

While some dramatic moments, the play has plenty of comedic bits too. For tickets, visit nepunetheatre.com.

Premier League  
Basketball

WHEN: Saturday, 7 p.m.  
WHERE: Halifax Metro Centre

The Halifax Rainmen look to keep their perfect record at home going when the league-leading Lawton-Fort Sill Calvary come to town for a possible playoff preview. Adult tickets are \$24.50 and \$19.50.

## Symphony Nova Scotia

WHEN: Sunday, 4 p.m.  
WHERE: St. Andrew's United Church

The province's symphony returns to the stage for a special performance featuring the Baroque Series and Bach's Mass in B mi-

nor. Tickets are \$49 and \$43.

## Jully Black

WHEN: Saturday, 8 p.m.  
WHERE: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

This popular Canadian singer-songwriter is coming to town to perform and no doubt entertain with her energetic personality and great voice. Tickets are \$36.50.

## Cheer Expo 2010

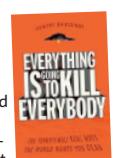
WHEN: Friday through Sunday  
WHERE: Halifax Forum  
There will be cheer com-

petitors for all levels, vendor booths from all over the world, and classes for coaches, athletes and anyone interested in becoming involved — or just wanting to show their spirit.

## Nova Scotia Spring Ideal Home Show

WHEN: Friday through Sunday  
WHERE: Exhibition Park

This popular event features everything you want to know about homes, plus information and booth on gardens and patios. The event opens each day starting at 10 a.m.



Metro's 7th Heaven: what's hot right now

## 1 Phoenix, Live in Sidney

**MUSIC** The band Phoenix is giving fans a new reason to enjoy it — a free download featuring eight songs. Called Live in Sidney, the album was recorded Down Under and can be downloaded from wearephoenix.com.

## 2 Curious George

**POP CULTURE** Turns out the curious cartoon primate has more of a y than just getting into mischief. A new exhibit at the New York Jewish Museum suggests the children's book character was created by an equally interesting Jewish couple, Hans and Margaret Rey, who had their own curious adventures during the Second World War. thejewishmuseum.org

## 3 Sherlock Homes

**DVD** Ah, the game's afoot; Robert Downey Jr.'s Golden Globe-winning turn as Sherlock Holmes is available on DVD this Tuesday. The Guy Ritchie directed film also features Jude Law as Dr. Watson and Canada's own Rachel McAdams as a thieving seductress.

## 4 Joe Fresh Spring 2010

**BEAUTY** Cheap and cheerful is back with Joe Fresh's spring selection of makeup to give you a healthy glow and add some drama to those winter-tired eyes. With colours like Bloom, Berry, Honey, Papaya and Blossom, how can you not think of summer? For store locations, visit joe.ca.

## 5 Hot Tub Time Machine

**MOVIE** With one of the best B-movie-ish titles from recent years, Hot Tub Time Machine could be the mindless remedy everyone needs to beat the seasonal blahs. Who can resist seeing actor John Cusack return to his career utopia, the '80s. Along for the soak are "me"-era mainstays like Chevy Chase and Crispin Glover.

## 6 Everything is going to Kill Everybody

**BOOK** End-of-day talk isn't just reserved for the cultists and doomsayers; Now everyone can enlighten their apocalyptic consciousness with Robert Brockway's look at terrifying ways the world wants us dead — from natural disasters to gray goo, and space disasters to off-their-rocker robots.

## 7 Gap sale

**STYLE** Can't live without khakis? In need of a fresh set of basic tees? Grab 'em at Gap's Spring Sale, with up to 40 per cent off a range of items from blouses to blazers, and stash your saved cash for a round of drinks. Patio season is coming, people!



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## Fantastic Easter Brunch!

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Rush members (from left) Alex Lifeson, Geddy Lee and Neil Peart in a recent file photo. The band is being inducted this weekend into the Canadian songwriters' hall of fame.

## Songwriting award for Rush

### Another year, another honour for Rush.

The Toronto trio is being inducted into the Canadian songwriters' hall of fame on Sunday, just the latest accolade for the acclaimed prog veterans.

But many fans still linger on the one honour that's eluded the band: an

induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

Drummer Neil Peart says the band really doesn't care about the perceived snub. "No ... you know who it matters to, is the fans," Peart told The Canadian Press over the line from his California home.

"It would matter a lot to our fans for us to have that validation. It doesn't matter to me. I've got the success and respect that we've had, and the opportunity to do exactly what we wanted for 35 years. Do we need them to make us feel better? No, not at all."

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## Value added — maybe

Prices for comics can be hard to predict

So you think your pile of comics is going to shoot up in value with the next big comic-book-based movie? Maybe Iron Man really is the Golden Avenger and there's a hunk of green in Green Lantern?

Whoa, Sparky. Rein in those Richie Rich fantasies a bit. Not everything is hitting the astronomical \$1-million-plus that a couple of rare comics have fetched recently.

"There's really only certain films which generate interest in characters that have translated into dramatic increases in prices," says Gareb Shamus, founder and CEO of New York-based Wizard Entertainment.

Like Iron Man, for example. His debut issue in 1968 originally cost 12 cents and now goes for \$500.

"There's no question the first Iron Man movie really



George Zotti holds an Ironman helmet outside his Silver Snail store in Toronto.

put Iron Man on a blazing path from a collectibility standpoint and an awareness standpoint," Shamus said.

"In comic book circles, he was a popular character but on a worldwide basis most people walking down the street wouldn't know who he is. Now he's a household name."

But nothing's a sure thing.

"The Ghost Rider movie doesn't do anything for the Ghost Rider comic book," says George Zotti, manager of Toronto's Silver Snail comic store.

This summer, Robert Downey Jr. will strap on the superhero tin in Iron Man 2, and Seth Rogen will try his hand at crime fighting in The Green Hornet.

Josh Brolin will play the scarred post-Civil War bounty hunter Jonah Hex while Jeffrey Dean Morgan will lead a band of deadly spies in The Losers and fans of the edgy teen crimefighter saga Kick-Ass will get a look at their heroes on the big screen.

"There's always a bit of a spike," Zotti said of the effect of films on the comic market. "There's always a renewed interest from people who don't normally read comic books."

"Some people get curious and come in."

The Human Torch-like heat for the price of collectibles comes from rare books of the so-called Gold and Silver ages of comics, roughly between the 1930s and the 1970s.

Last month, Detective Comics No. 27 — Batman's debut in May 1939 — sold at auction for \$1,075,500, breaking the record \$1 million paid three days earlier for 1938's Action Comics No. 1, which featured Superman's first appearance.

The price of new comics is around \$3.99 on average. But are they a good investment?

Michael Joffre, owner of Montreal's Carsleys Comics, suggests people get a copy of the Overstreet Price Guide — considered the Bible of comic collecting — and do their research. He stressed millions were paid for Action Comics No. 1 and Detective Comics No. 27 because they are rare and because "there are two collectors with too much money fighting for it."

Joffre, a former stockbroker who actually does most of his business in rare coins, says it's important to understand the anatomy of investing in comics just as in any other field.

"For someone to go out blindly and invest in comic books, they're just as certain to lose money as if they go out and buy penny stocks on the TSX."

Condition, rarity, content and creators all play a part. And stores will usually pay around 75 per cent of value, meaning many people sell on eBay.

In the meantime, the cinema juggernaut rolls on. Cinematic reboots are in the planning stages now for Spider-Man and Superman. Canadian Ryan Reynolds has picked up cosmic cop Green Lantern's ring and is before the lens now.

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## It's another boy for The Early Show's Erica Hill

The news anchor and her husband, David Yount, welcomed Sawyer Steven on Tuesday. "We are thrilled with the new addition to our family," Hill said in a statement to her co-anchors. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

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## Entertainment

# Jamie's food revolution builds

**Linda Fillinger had a new experience recently: She made pancakes without reaching for a box of prepared mix.**

"I never made it with actual flour before," the Barboursville resident said after finishing a weekly cooking lesson at Huntington's Kitchen. The newly established downtown facility is the most visible sign of the changes here since a celebrity chef came to what his American TV network calls the nation's unhealthiest city.

"Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution," a reality series about the British chef's effort last fall to teach this Ohio River town about healthy eating, had its official premiere Friday.

Even before the evangelist for fresh ingredients and unprocessed foods set foot in town, residents were wary of being subjected to a gawk-and-go treatment that would unfairly single them out in a country where bulging waistlines and junk food diets are common. Instead of closing their eyes and wishing Oliver would go away, many people eventually warmed to the chef, and have started efforts to improve the health of locals.

"This isn't just a TV show and it's not just a one-time thing," said Doug Sheils, spokesman for Cabell-Huntington Hospital, which was an early supporter of efforts to change the area's health problems.

Sheils was an early and vocal skeptic of Oliver's effort, but after meeting Oliver, Sheils became convinced of the Cockney chef's good will, and the hospital has stepped forward with significant donations to two major efforts.

The first is an \$80,000 grant to revamp the menus at Cabell County's 28 schools to eliminate processed foods and to serve meals made from fresh, local ingredients.

"The biggest part of that is money to train every single school cook in Cabell



County how to cook healthy meals from scratch, so they're not just opening a box of frozen chicken nuggets and warming them up," Sheils said.

Consultants from Connecticut-based Sustainable Food Systems have already conducted weeklong training sessions in about a dozen schools, Sheils said.

The hospital has also donated \$50,000 to help Ebenezer Medical Outreach, a local medical clinic, run Huntington's Kitchen, where Fillinger and other pupils were learning to make pancakes with real flour. Inside the downtown storefront, brick walls, hard-

wood floors and stylish furniture

give the building the feel of a chic coffeehouse. But four heavy-duty cooktops indicate Huntington's Kitchen is about more than atmosphere.

On a recent afternoon, Jillian Moore, the kitchen manager who was trained in London by Oliver's organization, led a group of about half a dozen in making Spanish-style steak with red peppers and fresh chili.

"We really want the people who come to the classes to take what they learn and pass it on to others," Moore said. "That's a huge part of the revolution."

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# Houston family film legacy to be honoured

**SILVER SCREEN** Anjelica Huston and Danny Huston will celebrate their family's film legacy at the TCM Classic Film Festival next month.

The two actors will present Hollywood Dynasty: The Hustons on April 24. The tribute will include screenings of three films and question-and-answer sessions. The festival, which is open to the public, will be held April 22-25 in Los Angeles.



Among the featured films is a recently restored version of 1948's The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, which their father John Huston wrote and directed.

"So many films get forgotten about and deteriorate, so it makes my family happy to see the kind of restoration Turner (Classic

Movies) puts into these movies," Anjelica Huston, 58, said Wednesday in an interview. "It's very exciting, like a renaissance."

Huston said this is the first time that she and her brother Danny will have films in the same festival, and that having their work shown alongside

their father's "makes us feel sort of dynamically active, so it's a lovely thing."

Huston said she's particularly pleased that her father's work is being preserved and can reach new audiences.

"My father's films are still very much a part of the American conscience," she said. "It's so encouraging to see these films reissued."

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# KC and the Sunshine Band member arrested

**CHARGES** A music producer and co-founder of KC and the Sunshine Band responsible for such hits as Shake Your Booty and Keep It Comin' Love has acknowledged having sex with teenage boys, police said Wednesday.

Richard R. Finch, 56, was arrested Tuesday after a boy told authorities he'd had sexual contact with him at Finch's home in Newark, the Licking County sheriff's office said. The boy made the revelation last week.

Finch, while being interviewed at the sheriff's office, admitted he'd had sex with that boy and others ranging in age from 13 to 17, police said.

Finch, a former bass player for the band and a seven-time Grammy Award winner, was being held Wednesday at the

"We will let due process happen through the legal system."

Message posted on Richard Finch's website

sheriff's office on \$250,000 bond.

A message posted on the website of Richard Finch Productions Inc. said the allegations against the producer were baseless.

"We will let due process happen through the legal system," it said, "and through that, we are sure Mr. Finch will be vindicated from these unfounded allegations."

No date had been set for Finch's arraignment, said Sgt. Kevin Biller, who wouldn't disclose the evidence that led to Finch's arrest or the possible charges against him.

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# Miles second Idolista booted on 9th season

**TV** The odds weren't in Paige Miles' favour on American Idol.

The 24-year-old preschool teacher from Houston was the second finalist eliminated from the ninth season of the Fox singing competition Wednesday.

Miles, who warbled through her rendition of Mariah Carey's Against All Odds on Tuesday's performance show, received the fewest

viewer votes and was not rescued by the show's judges at the last minute.

"I lost myself in the song," Miles confessed earlier in the show.

Joining her in the bottom three were 20-year-old college student Tim Urban of Duncansville, Texas, and 17-year-old high school student Katie Stevens of Middlebury, Conn.

Stevens was lauded for her take on Fergie's Big Girls Don't Cry while Urban was mocked for sliding across the Idol stage during his performance of Queen's Crazy Little Thing Called Love.

"I thought the knee slide was awesome," gushed Miley Cyrus, who mentored the singers.

The other finalists remaining are Didi Benami, 23, of Los Angeles; Crystal Bowersox, 24, of Toledo, Ohio; Lee Dewyze, 23, of Mount Prospect, Ill.; Andrew Garcia, 24, of Moreno Valley, Calif.; Casey James, 27, of Fort Worth, Texas;

Aaron Kelly, 16, of Son-

estown, Pa.; Michael Lynche, 26, of Astoria, N.Y.; and Siobhan Magnus, 20, of Marston Mills, Mass.

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The Academy Awards are moving back to February. Next year's Oscar ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 27, about a week earlier than this season's awards show, which was held March 7 to avoid conflicting with the Winter Olympics. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Time flies for Caprica star

**Two months is too short for Canadian Caprica co-star Magda Apanowicz.**

The Vancouver native, who plays Lacy Rand on the lauded sci-fi series, says tonight's mid-season finale — airing just two months after the show debuted — has arrived far too quickly for her liking.

"It's so crazy, it happened out of nowhere. I'm like, 'What? No! There's got to be, like, three more.' But nope!" says Apanowicz, 24, who will be at Wizard World Toronto Comic Con this weekend.

"It just always feels like it's been only on for like, a month, and you're like, 'There's so much more, you guys need to see, there's so much more!'"

The Ronald D. Moore-created series — shot in Vancouver and airing on Space in Canada — is the prequel to Battlestar Galactica.

**"I always love when women kick ass. I love when they're strong, I love when they're opinionated."**

Magda Apanowicz, actress

tica and follows two rival families clashing over the creation of artificial intelligence amid terrorism threats and religious conflict.

Eric Stoltz and Esai Morales star as the patriarchs of the families. James Marsters, who played Spike on the Buffy the Vampire Slayer series, co-stars as a terrorist leader.

Apanowicz's character is a student who dives into a virtual world as she attempts to re-connect with a dead friend.

The remainder of Season 1, which has already been filmed, is set to resume in the fall, but a second sea-

son hasn't been confirmed.

Friday's mid-season finale will feature "a bunch of cliffhangers," says Apanowicz.

"We're all pretty stuck in the decisions we make at the end and there's no real going backwards from them, but kind of finding a new way to go forward from them."

Apanowicz has strong roots in the genre of sci-fi drama, with previous roles in the series Kyle XY and Bionic Woman, the miniseries The Andromeda Strain, and the film The Butterfly Effect, among others.

But it's not a niche she deliberately targets, she says.

"I didn't choose," says the two-time Gemini Award nominee for the series Renegadepress.com.

"It's just kind of like the opportunities that came up were sci-fi."

When she saw the Caprica script, she was drawn into its emphasis on strong female characters, she says. "I always love when women kick ass."

"I love when they're strong, I love when they're opinionated, I love when they take charge. I think it's a very, very good thing. I mean, it's a thing that we should promote more."

Also alluring was the prestige of Battlestar, which won a Peabody Award and was hailed by many critics as one of the best series of the past decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Vancouver's Magda Apanowicz, who plays Lacy Rand in the sci-fi series Caprica, appears this weekend in Toronto.

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Two and a Half Men's current season will be reduced from 24 to 22 episodes, because of Charlie Sheen's stint in rehab last month, The New York Times reports. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

## Entertainment

# Love loves to love

Jennifer Love Hewitt had more than a breakup on her hands when she recently split from her Ghost Whisperer co-star, Jamie Kennedy. She was about to embark on a tour promoting her new book about relationships.

"It wasn't ideal timing," the 31-year-old actress admits, laughing. "Here's my relationship book and I'm single."

Still, she has gone ahead with the publicity tour for The Day I Shot Cupid: My Name is Jennifer Love Hewitt and I'm a Love-Aholic.

And she's embracing one of its lessons: Allow yourself 72 hours to wallow after a breakup. Then move forward.

"Put your big girl pants



Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt arrives at the Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang book launch party in Beverly Hills, Calif., on March 17, 2010.

on and move on," Hewitt tells The Associated Press.

"Seventy-two hours is an appropriate time. After that you start to smell and

your friends don't want to talk to you ... It doesn't mean it fixes your feelings or takes away the sadness. You should just start to go,

'I'm OK.'

The book also includes these tips: Accept that men will always check out other women; guys hate to spoon; and one shouldn't be overzealous with a new significant other.

There's even a section written by Kennedy himself, who assures women that most guys like their girls curvy, not stick-thin.

Hewitt includes personal anecdotes, such as when she made his-and-her toiletry kits for a guy she was dating. She thought it was cute; he found it scary.

The book also sets the record straight on parts of Hewitt's relationship history, which has been played out in the press.

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## Sex in a distinctively different type of city

**FILM** Sarah Jessica Parker and her Manhattan gal pals are taking their sexy ways to a new city.

Sex and the City 2, due in theatres May 27, sends Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon on a trip to the Middle East as they visit Abu Dhabi.



Sarah Jessica Parker

Parker said in an interview at last week's Showest convention for theatre owners, where distributor Warner Bros. premiered a new Sex and the City 2 trailer.

"Simultaneously, it was the first time that the four actors left the country, lived together, worked together for almost eight weeks solid — and when I say lived together, I mean breakfast, lunch and dinner together every single night," Parker continued. "We were removed from family and friends, and we've never had that kind of time together."

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Will & Grace actress Megan Mullally has abruptly pulled out of the cast of Lips Together, Teeth Apart, a Broadway comedy that was meant to premiere in a couple of weeks, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lips are locked

## Celebrity Buzz

# A princely sum owed

**PAY UP OR SHIP OUT** Prince reportedly owes around \$506,000 US in taxes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Carver County tax records show the Purple Rain singer — real name Prince Rogers Nelson — and his companies PRN Music Corp. and Paisley Park Enterprises Inc. owe the



combined sum in delinquent property taxes to the state of Minnesota for 2009.

PRN Music Corp. — which is based in the musician's Paisley Park Studios in Chanhassen, which is located west of Minneapolis — alone owes more than

\$227,000

in taxes to the state and other government bodies.

Prince, 51, now has until April 21 to file an objection to the sum he and his businesses are alleged to owe, if he does not "a court judgment will be entered against the properties for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest, and costs," according to local newspaper the Chaska Herald.

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## Vogue covergirl? Fat chance

**IN OTHER NEWS, TENTS SALES ARE UP, VOGUE SALES ARE DOWN. SUCK ON THAT, WINTOUR!** Even with all of the fame and Oscar buzz Precious got this past year, that's still not enough to land star Gabourey Sidibe on the pages of Vogue magazine, popeater.com reports.

According to sources, Sidibe's weight is what's keeping her out of Anna

Wintour's publication, where being rail-thin is a necessity, adds popeater.com

Sources tell the website that the editors of Vogue magazine rejected the idea of letting Oscar nominee Gab-

by Sidibe grace its fashionable pages because of her size.

"She's a joke in the fashion community.

"What she wore on the red carpet at the Academy Awards wasn't a dress, it was a tent," one person with the magazine reportedly said.

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## Can Cannes handle Campbell?

**OR THE 12 TONS OF CAVIAR, 554 CRATES OF KRUG, 121 VENETIAN CHANDELIERS AND 643 OF THE BIGGEST EGOS IN THE UNIVERSE** Cannes will be the place to be on May 22, when Naomi Campbell celebrates her 40th birthday with a lavish bash thrown by her billionaire Russian boyfriend, Vladimir Doronin, according to Page Six.

Doronin is reportedly spending millions on the "party of the year," which will coincide with the Cannes Film Festival to make it easier

on some of the A-list guests.

"Naomi's birthday is going to be as lavish as other recent big celebrity 40th birthdays, such as Sean Combs, Jay-Z and Simon Cowell," a source says.

"Invites are already being sent out and people are expected to jet in from New York, London and Moscow."

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## A deteriorating Dennis

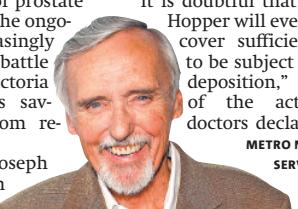
**NO COURT, NO CHEMO, NO CHANCE?** Shocking new court documents report that actor Dennis Hopper is too frail to undergo chemotherapy for prostate cancer and that the ongoing — and increasingly nasty — divorce battle with his wife Victoria has drained his savings, popeater.com reports.

His attorney, Joseph Mannis, states in

the filing — obtained by TMZ — that because Hopper is so terminally ill, he is unable to defend himself in divorce proceedings.

"It is doubtful that Mr. Hopper will ever recover sufficiently to be subject to a deposition," one of the actor's doctors declared.

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## Looking for more mileage

**ON HER HEAD OF EXTENSIONS.** Before heading off to L.A. to be a guest mentor on American Idol, Miley Cyrus decided to make a last-minute appointment at New York's Gemini 14 Salon to get highlights and extensions, according to People magazine.

Her hair needed so much work, sources say, that she left her private jet waiting four hours while she met with her stylist.

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## Garry's really great idea

**MAYBE SOME THINGS ARE BETTER LEFT IN THE PAST** Garry Marshall is set to bring his classic sitcom Laverne and Shirley to the big screen, and he's looking to some of his Valentine's Day teams to make it happen.

"Jamie (Foxx) and I are trying to do it. He's writing it," Marshall tells TV Guide.

"It's a whole different modern day take on how they came up on the streets during difficult times.

"Laverne would be this very tough girl with a big 'L' tattooed on her arm. Jennifer Garner would play Laverne and Jessica Biel would play Shirley."

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## What Rimes with Tiger?

**LIGER, LAGER, LANGUOR?** **NAH, IT'S LEANN** Before either of them were married, Tiger Woods and LeAnn Rimes reportedly dated, sources tell Us Weekly.

"They hooked up and everything," a source says of the

2002 fling. "Tiger was really into her. He likes those blondes."

Rimes' father reportedly insisted they call it quits because he didn't appreciate the seven-year age difference between the two.

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cover story.

The friend says Bullock, 45, learned of her husband's betrayal just eight days after her triumphant Oscar win Mar. 7 this year.

"Her family was everything to her," adds the friend.

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**BUT THE PIECES ARE CHUNKS OF HER OWN HEART** In the wake of a scandal that has rocked her marriage, Sandra Bullock is quietly determining her next move, say friends.

Stunned by revelations that her husband Jesse James cheated with tattoo model Michelle

McGee, Bullock "needs time to grieve and process what has happened," a close friend tells People in its new



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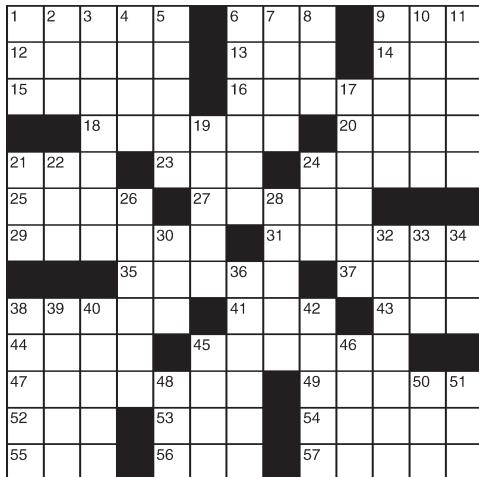
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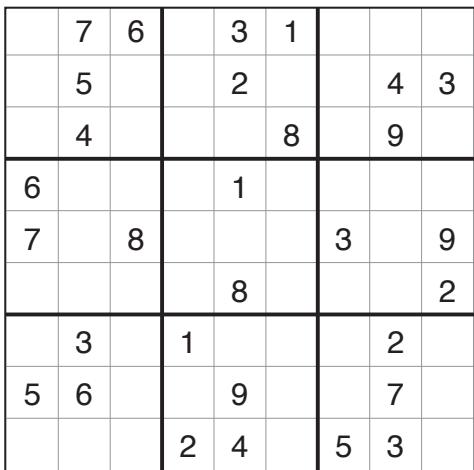
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**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

If you look too hard for an off-beat answer to a long-standing problem today you may miss the more obvious solution that is staring you in the face.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You may be tempted to get rid of something that has been in your possession for many years but don't be too hasty.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

A work or money problem isn't going to just fade away – at some stage you will have to deal with it. Make the changes that matter.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

If you let someone get away with statements that are clearly untrue they will take that as an invitation to lie to you all the time.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

If you want something enough you will find a way to get it but you may then decide you don't really want it after all.

**LEO JULY 23-AUG 23**

Today's Sun-Pluto aspect will give you the chance to get rid of one or two things, and maybe one or two people, you no longer need.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

If you are offered something free of charge today you will, of course, assume there is a catch of some kind. But is there?

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

It would appear that someone is deliberately making things difficult for you and the more upset you get the more they will do.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Not every question has an answer and if you are smart you won't allow yourself to get worked up about something that is illogical.

**This day in history**

1808: Charles IV of Spain abdicates in favor of his son, Ferdinand VII.

1830: The Book of Mormon is published in Palmyra, N.Y.

1934: The driving test is introduced in the United Kingdom.

1953: Jonas Salk announces his polio vaccine.

1958: The United States Army launches Explorer 3.

1971: East Pakistan declares its independence from Pakistan to form People's Republic of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Liberation War begins.

1976: Queen Elizabeth II sent out the first royal email, from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment.

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**Metro Recipe of the Day****Chicken Salad with Dates and Minted Yogurt**

juices should run clear and flesh should be white, not pink. Leave chicken in pan.

3. Meanwhile, mix lettuce, arugula, scallions and artichoke hearts. Divide salad among four plates. Mix mint into yogurt and set aside.

4. Turn chicken over and sprinkle with seeds, pressing on with spoon. Grill for 10-20 seconds to heat and brown seeds. Add dates and stir with seeds and juices around chicken.

5. Slice chicken and arrange on salads with dates and seeds, spooning over cooking juices. Drizzle mint and yogurt dressing over and serve, garnished with mint.

**INGREDIENTS:**

4 skinless boneless chicken breasts  
 2 garlic cloves, crushed  
 1 tsp ground mace  
 3 tbsp olive oil  
 1 romaine lettuce, torn  
 150 g arugula  
 4 scallions, sliced  
 398 mL can artichoke hearts, drained and halved  
 8 mint sprigs, chopped, plus extra to garnish  
 1 cup plain yogurt  
 4 tbsp mixed seeds (sunflower, sesame, etc)  
 100 g dried pitted dates, sliced

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat broiler. Put chicken in shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, garlic, mace and oil, then turn over to distribute seasonings.  
 2. Broil chicken until well browned on both sides. Test by piercing thickest part with point of knife;

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